

## **Minutes for Sept 20, 2017 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School**

Chair Mike Higgins called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:01 PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, Pat Meier & Russ Wolter.  
Members absent: Todd Smith.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, Elementary Principal Jim Stang and Business Manager Beth Heinze.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to remove items 6.7 & 6.10 until the Oct board meeting and then to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting, the Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session, the Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$1,117,854.20, computer checks approved 79676-79827; approval of the district activity checks 011851-011853, which totaled \$5,053.00; approval of Lane Changes for April Theis, Emily Loso, Joy Swanson, Jennifer Skwira, and Katie Novitzki; approval of Dive Coach, Shawnda Wolch; approval of Policy 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse; approval of Policy 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design; approval of Policy 603 Curriculum Development; and approval of Lioness to sell Chili at home football games and spring baseball and track meets during the 2017-2018 school year. On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier.

Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Higgins welcomed fellow board members, administration, and staff.

### **REPORTS**

Superintendent Chris Swenson asked for input for getting information out on the Referendum information meeting. The last informational meeting is Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the High School media center. Linda Zapzalka will contact area churches, newspapers, and radio stations. A flyer will also be mailed out with the meeting information as well as other information on the referendum projects and technology operating levy.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on Open House, fire and lock down drills, FFA tractor restoration. He also informed the Board there are 25 new students, 12 students that left for a net increase of 13 students. He added it has been a great start to the school year and the bathroom and locker room renovations have been well received by the students.

Mr. Silbernack reported that there will be no OLPA testing this year. The only state testing this year will be the MCA's in spring.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on a great start to the school year. Open House went great. Playground ribbon cutting ceremony was well received with many compliments on the playground and on the entire school from many new families. He explained without the OLPA testing, the required assessment progress monitoring of all students on Title and ADSIS will have to be done using alternative testing methods. AIMS Web testing continues to be used.

BSED Report: Chris Swenson reported BSED acquired a Grant of \$21,000 for training to work with high risk

students, Our Districts SPED Evaluation went well! There are paperwork evenings being offered again at BSED to assist SPED Teachers to complete the required paperwork.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported the Audit is nearly complete. The preliminary meeting with Auditors is scheduled for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. SPED numbers are still being changed by the state. Final Audit will be presented at the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

#### BUSINESS

Discussion of the Review and Comment on the School Construction Proposal from MDE took place. Mr. Swenson summarized the Review and Comment document and entertained questions.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 533 Wellness. Mr. Swenson explained that the goal is to promote healthy life style and healthy snacks.

Mr. Stang summarized the K-6 Targeted Services Program. Motion by Christensen, second by Meier to approve the Elementary Targeted Services Program & Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Silbernick summarized the JR Targeted Services Program referrals are being collected and the program starts Oct. 23 and runs through May. Motion by Meier, second by Kruger to approve the Junior High Targeted Services Program & Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve the pool sound panel project at a cost of \$12,925.00 with Advanced Health, Safety and Security. Project to be completed early October. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the roof & duct repair project at a cost of \$12,750.00 with Granite City Roofing. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Heinze presented the Levy Limitation Certification and recommended certifying at the maximum. Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to certify the tax levy at the maximum. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve the Electronic Transfer of \$1,977,549.40 for August. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to call for Special Closed Meeting after the regular October 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies if necessary. Motion carried. AIF.

#### PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Jenny Streit, Secondary Para Professional at Grade IV Step 0. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Taylor Winter, Kid Zone Assistant at Step 2. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Kruger, to accept resignation from Robert Lampert for LTS in Food Service. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to accept resignation from Kim Wunderlich, Van Route Driver. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to hire Robert Lampert for 2.75 hours per day Food Service position at Grade 3 Step 0. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Melanie Klisch for 2.75 hours per day Long Term Food Service Sub until approximately 2/1/18 at Grade 3 Step 0. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Streit, to hire Bonita Welinski for 2.5 hours per day Long Term Food Service Sub until approximately 1/1/18 at Grade 3 Step 0. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to accept resignation/retirement from Doris Campbell effective 12/22/17. Motion carried. AIF. Mr. Higgins on behalf of the School Board Thanked Ms. Campbell for her 25 years with the District.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve FMLA Leave for Mellissa Miller from approximately 12/7/17 to 2/16/18. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to hire Jaime Gerads for AM and PM Van Route Driver. Motion carried. AIF.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations: The Board acknowledged and thanked the generous donators of school supplies:

Linda Breth, DBL Precision Optics  
West Rock Union c/o Janice Mensinger  
Also an anonymous donator.

Also Polar Tank for the Coffee Filters

October 4, 2017 work session @ 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

October 18, 2017 regular board meeting 5:00 PM in the LMC.

Special closed meeting following the October regular board meeting.

The agenda was completed at 7:06 PM with a motion to adjourn by Christensen, second by Kruger. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Ben Christensen, Clerk