

Minutes for September 21, 2016 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School District #738

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 was called to order at 6:12 PM in the LMC by Chair Mike Higgins.

Pledge was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the amended agenda. Items added 5.5. Student Board representative and 6.11 Authorization to add Para time. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from August 17 Board meeting & the September 7 Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$362,323.38; Computer checks approved 78028-78210; approval of the district activity checks 011712-011715, which totaled \$2,270.52; approval of the electronic transfer for August \$3,475,899.84; Treasurers report balance per books is \$1,129,877.77; approval of Policy 520 Student Surveys; approval of Policy 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior Students; approval of Policy 705.1 Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Attachment, Procedures for the District; approval of Advisors and Dept. Chairs; approval for the Lioness Club to sell chili at Football games and spring Baseball games; and approval of additional fall coach Jake Langner.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported on cabinet member growth plans and staff development meeting,

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack introduced & welcomed student school board representative Jenna Scott. He also reported open house was well attended with 97% of families in attendance and nice to see school board members at open house, beginning of school year is going well including drills, evacuations, and lockdowns with shelter in place coming soon.

Mr. Silbernack also updated the Board on assessments and announced the Elementary School received Reward School Status, which means it is in the top 15% of schools in Minnesota. Congratulations!!

Elementary Principal Jim Stang thanked community staff & students for their hard work. He reported on open house 99% in attendance, beginning of school year positive going well and enrollment is up in elementary.

BSED meeting Higgins reported the building and grounds service agreement was extended, MREA contract membership for Benton Stearns was renewed and the new Director is acclimating herself and things are going well.

Business Manager Heinze reported on updated budget and expenditures for FY16 and year to date expenditures for FY17.

BUSINESS

Andrea from Ehlers presented the Sale of the Facility Maintenance Bonds. The money will be available on Oct. 19th for long-term facility maintenance projects. Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the Resolution Relating to \$1,725,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2016A; Authorizing the Issuance, Awarding the Sale,

Prescribing the Form and Details and Providing for the Payment Thereof:

Voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

The following Resolution makes it possible to start on projects prior to receiving the funds.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the Resolution Relating to the Financing of a Proposed Project to be Undertaken by the School District; Establishing Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under the Internal Revenue Code.

Voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Next Beth Heinze presented Preliminary Levy data and a comparison over the last 3 years.

Motion by Smith, second by Meier, to certify preliminary levy at the maximum. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults; first reading of Policy 417 Chemical Use and Abuse; and first reading of Policy 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School. It was decided to table policy 417 and 418. Mr. Swenson would like to take a more in-depth look at them prior to revising.

Mr. Swenson informed the Board of the waiting list for the four-year-old School Readiness Preschool Class.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, for authorization to add a Tues/Thur 12PM-3PM School Readiness Section. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Silbernack reported on additional need for Para time in the High School. Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, for authorization to add 2 hours of Secondary Para time. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith to approve Elementary Targeted Services Program and Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to change the start time of the Oct. 19 School Board meeting to 5:00 PM due to the Wed. night football game. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang explained extra Para time is needed in the Elementary School. Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, for authorization to add 15 minutes of Elementary Para time. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve lane change requests for Lauren Volkens, Jessica Mickelson and Ashley Hoffmann as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang recommended hiring Paraprofessionals, Karey Gerads, Jennifer Marstein and Amber Barthel at Grade IV Step 0 each at 6 1/2 hours/day. There was a motion by Smith, and second by Christensen. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to hire Elementary Targeted Services Coordinator Jill Schmitt. Motion carried. AIF.

Announcements:

After Football game Hall of Fame recognition

The Board recognized donations and expressed appreciation to all.

October 5th 6:00 PM Board Work Session in Board Room

Regular Board meeting October 19, 2016 @ 5:00 PM in the LMC.

Agenda was completed at 6:54 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and second by Smith. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk