

Minutes for August 5, 2020 School Board Work Session Holdingford Public School

Chair Christensen called the Work Session of the school Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:00 PM in the Theater.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ben Christensen, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel, Pat Meier and Ed Feia.
Member absent: None.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Administrative Assistant Linda Zapzalka and guest Susan Lennerts.

Mr. Swenson presented a proposal to replace some existing sidewalks that are in rough shape and to add a bollard to be placed in front of the gas connections. The Board discussed the options and the consensus is to replace those sidewalks near the new front entrance area and add the bollard. He then updated the Board on the entire building project.

Next Mr. Swenson presented the 2020-2021 Fall School Re-Opening Plans that have been developed by the Principals, Staff and Administration. The information going to families will include:

- A Letter explaining the Base Learning Model, which will include:
- A Transportation form
- Back to school Registration
- Health Services- Symptoms, Close Contact, Return to School, Sanitization and a Decision Tree
- Classroom Assignments and class schedules:

Ms. Safran explained the plan to change grades 7-12 to a Block Schedule and changing the start time of the school day to 8:00 AM from 8:10 AM. She explained the revised 7th Grader Orientation Plan, Virtual Open House for grades 8-12, chrome book distribution and school pictures.

Mr. Stang explained changes for the elementary. A 4th specialist is being added, Open House for grades 1-6 will be virtual, and Pre-School/ Kindergarten will start out their first days with orientation days.

Mr. Swenson continued explaining the re-opening plan including:

- Survey for Distance Learning
- Survey for School Lunches if Distance Learning
 - Google classroom will be used for distance learning.
- Distance Learning Secondary
- Distance Learning Elementary
- Cohorts A-K, L-Z
- Special Education
- Extracurriculars
- Community Education - Kid Zone, Preschool
- Early Childhood
- Important Dates

The revisions discussed at this meeting will be made and then at the August 19th Regular Board Meeting a Base Learning Model will be adopted through a Resolution.

Lastly Mr. Swenson informed the Board that the District will create a COVID Advisory Committee. He asked for input on who should all be included on this committee. The committee will meet weekly on Wednesday morning to analyze the data and if the Learning Plan has to change it will be effective on the following Monday.

A brief discussion on morning drop off times took place.

Ms. Martini thanked staff & administration for all their time and work put in to create these plans!

The agenda was completed at 8:47 PM with a motion to adjourn by Martini, second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Evelyn Martini, Clerk