

Minutes for August 3, 2022
School Board Work Session
Holdingford Public School

Chair Feia called the Work Session of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:00 PM in the High School boardroom.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ed Feia, Pat Meier, Sara Binek, Robert Knettel and Lori Opatz. Absent: None

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, and Business Office Clerk Terri Stoermann.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on the summer facility projects. Referencing the map showing the completion progress which is changing daily. They are finishing the ceiling in the hall from the Business Office to the Wrestling room. Science rooms are gridded in, waiting on counter tops. FACS and Art rooms have the grid in. Shop needs to be grid. Tuck pointing is complete. The parking lot needs soil correction in some areas and then curbing is next. Theater lighting is being installed.

Discussion on the Senior Citizen Ticket Policy took place and changes will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Swenson presented the proposed substitute rates and explained that we have an ongoing issue finding Teacher & Para Subs. The Board agreed on the proposed rates.

Mr. Swenson summarized the updates and revisions of the following policies. This set of revisions cleans up and clarifies existing policies. These changes are not substantive and can be adopted in a single meeting.

Policy 204 School Board Meeting Minutes - Update text to mirror statute

Policy 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings - Update titles/text to mirror statute

Policy 305 Policy Implementation - Add 'procedures' to text

Policy 422 Policies Incorporated by Reference - Delete unneeded cross references

Policy 427 Workload Limits - Update text

Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance - Replace i.e. with e.g.

Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination - Update text and legal reference

Policy 523 Policies Incorporated by Reference - Delete unneeded cross references

Policies will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Feia asked on behalf of the Board if members should attend Open House. Mr. Swenson said it's not mandatory but it has always been a nice gesture in the past. Make an appearance, greet new teachers and wish everyone a good start to the school year.

Mr. Swenson informed the Board that the BSED interviewed a person to be our SPED Coordinator along with Foley School District however the person is trying to get out of a current contract. He also spoke about our English opening and how it's getting harder and harder to let people out of a contract yet one doesn't want a disgruntled employee either. We have an individual that is possibly interested in the position but needs to wait until the position is posted for 15 days in order to apply for a Tier 1 Licensure.

The agenda was completed at 6:33 PM with a motion to adjourn by Opatz and second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Patrick Meier, Clerk