

Minutes for August 2, 2023
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 6:04 PM in the High School meeting room.

Members present: Elissa Ebnet, Sarah Binek, Ed Feia, Rob Knettel and Pat Meier.
Absent: Evelyn Martini & Lori Opatz

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Elementary Principal Jim Stang and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on the summer facility projects. The new transformer install went well thanks to Liberty Electric for facilitating the project and the high school gym floor resurfacing is complete. Mr. Gerber added the remaining transformers were being checked over and we are waiting on those results, we are still waiting on some carpet installation and the lockers in the girls locker room have been replaced in the main area, the small area will need to be replaced next. Discussion on the baseball field took place. The grass is coming in and once it is established the sprinkler heads will need to be raised.

Mr. Swenson summarized Policy 504 Student Dress And Appearance the revisions will be approved at the August Board meeting. The meeting continued with the first reading of new Policy 621 Literacy And The Reading Act and Policy 624 Online Instruction. The new policies will be on the August Board Agenda for approval as presented.

The following policies were revised to incorporate the wide range of new laws and now have minor clarifications and corrections. Mr. Swenson explained they don't need Board approval but he wanted the Board to be aware of the corrections. Policy 516.5 MDE's clarification on "school site". Policy 601 adds a note explaining the two effective dates. Policy 604 removes the Civic Test requirement. Policy 620 removes the new provision regarding faith statements following a judge ruling.

Board goals were briefly discussed. All members attended training sessions meeting goal one. Goal two, A Portrait of a Graduate has been put on hold due to all the time required to implement the legislative changes. Discussions will continue in the future.

The agenda was completed at 6:23 PM with a motion to adjourn by Meier, and a second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pat Meier, Clerk