

Minutes for February 1, 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 6:00 PM in the High School meeting room.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Sarah Binek, Ed Feia, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel and Pat Meier. Absent: Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Secondary Principal Time Wege, Secondary Science Teacher Brody Anderson and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

The Board toured the 3D Printer Lab, Science Teacher Mr. Anderson demonstrated how the printers work, explained cost benefits, shared student projects, and explained printer prep. Discussion took place on all the possibilities and ways to get more staff members using it.

Mr. Swenson highlighted the revisions MSBA has recommended for Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use And Safety Policy. The Tech committee also reviewed the policy at a recent meeting.

Mr. Swenson explained Policy 603 Curriculum Development requires a committee be formed to approve curriculum.

Mr. Swenson summarized the revisions to Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum.

Board Committee Assignments were discussed and Knettel agreed to join the Personnel Committee with Adm/Teachers. COVID Advisory Committee was eliminated and Infinity Online Governing Board was added with Martini as the Representative.

Principal Search Mr. Swenson reviewed the process with seven applications received, settled on interviewing 4 candidates, interviews will take place on Monday Feb. 6th using two interview groups with a mix of board members, administration, teachers, support staff and parents. The selection could be done after this first round of interviews, however a second round of interviews may be necessary.

Mr. Swenson reported on Legislative proposals and will continue to track as bills get passed to determine how they will affect our District, administrators are concerned how the free/reduced compensation will be figured out if the move is made to all free lunches and MASA Day At The Capital. Discussion ensued on other legislative proposals including paid leaves, unemployment, and safe/sick days.

Portrait Of A Graduate Update 3 schools will be involved: Paynesville, Becker & Holdingford. The plan is to get started after we have a Secondary Principal in place.

Called for a Special Closed Meeting to follow the Feb. 1, 2023 Work Session to discuss negotiations.

The agenda was completed at 7:10 PM with a motion to adjourn by Knettel, and a second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pat Meier, Clerk