

# Minutes for June 3, 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 6:02 PM in the LMC.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ben Christensen, Lori Opatz, Pat Meier and Ed Feia. Member absent: Rob Knettel

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, and Elementary Principal Jim Stang.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on the following building projects.

Estimates for the rooms with solid ceilings to be replaced with drop ceilings so that the sprinklers could be installed in the ceiling came in at \$200,000. The recommendation is to hold off on replacing the ceilings and sprinkler hardware will have to be exposed on the walls.

Estimates were received for three different options for the water heater replacement: Option #1- a new similar unit \$14,000 with a life expectancy of 6 years, Option #2- \$30,000 a new high efficient unit with a life expectancy of 15 years (options one and two have similar yearly operating costs), Option #3- \$31,000 with a life expectancy of 10 years this option requires a conversion to run through the boiler and the yearly operating cost is higher because of the cost to operate the boiler year round. The recommendation is to go with option 2.

Flooring estimates totaling approximately \$50,000 include new carpet in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade pod classrooms, the kid zone/preschool hallway including door 7 entry way, in the high school the old DAPE room, the band room and new tile in room 16.

Furniture replacements totaling approximately \$100,000, the district is going to be setting aside dollars for furniture replacement each year. This year in the elementary all grade one furniture will be replaced. In the high school various desks tables and chairs are being replaced. New furniture and flooring for the business office, some furniture for com. ed. office and furniture and flooring to convert the old DAPE room to a meeting room is estimated to cost approximately \$30,000.

Preschool playground will be a company build. The date is still be determined.

Track borings are complete the results will help determine whether the current track will be removed and base dug out and replaced or if the base is sufficient and the track can just be replaced. Estimates are being sought.

Light poles in the high school parking lot have been taken down in preparation for the parking lot renovation.

Mr. Swenson explained that there are three lock systems on doors throughout the building. He is getting an estimate to bring all the door keys within the same lock system. Next Chair Christensen asked for discussion on the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Swenson is asking administration and staff to reflect on the conclusion of the past school year and to think about how the next year will start out. We will have to wait for direction from the Governor and MDE but the possibilities discussed were: Back in

school full time, a revolving schedule with a third of the students coming each day, or complete distance learning.

Various other topics were discussed including when students in grades 7 – 12 would receive their schedules? Ms. Safran informed the Board that they will be emailed out within the week and she plans to bring incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders in for tours and locker training since they didn't get the planned tours at the end of the school year. Questions were brought up in regards to summer sports. Mr. Swenson explained that AD Mr. Bruns has been in contact with varsity coaches regarding summer contact time. As of right now no competitions can be held. Some coaches are doing virtual workouts and trainings. The hope is to bring small groups of students in to work on speed and strength conditioning with possible sport specific training coming later in the summer. He also updated the Board on Com. Ed. Summer plans, Swim Lesson registration will take place next week and lessons will take place with modifications, JO Softball and Junior Victory League Baseball Leagues are cancelled and there are no plans as of right now to start any practices.

Mr. Christensen asked about Summer School. Mr. Stang informed the Board that the Targeted Services Summer School will be cancelled and the ESY Summer School will take place at some point during the summer for children on IEP's. Ms. Safran added that it is the same for the secondary with no Targeted Services and ESY on hold.

The agenda was completed at 7:12 PM with a motion to adjourn by Feia, second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Evelyn Martini, Clerk