

Minutes for June 5, 2024  
School Board Work Session  
Holdingford Public School

Chair Opatz called the Work Session of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 5:57 PM in the High School meeting room.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel and Pat Meier. Absent: Ed Feia.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, and Administrative Assistant Linda Zapzalka. Guest attending was Erin Dohrman Executive Director of BSED.

Ms. Dohrman presented the BSED Long Range Facility Plan. The presentation included costs associated with services for the six districts served, level IV services, and a facilities assessment overview. She explained Ehlers role is to guide the financing options and WOLD completed the facilities assessment. Ms. Dohrman went on to present each of the building concerns, conclusions, and the decision with the help of WOLD and Ehlers is to find a location to lease that will house all programs and all staff in one location. They will sell the current facilities that they own and won't need to lease any other facilities. She entertained questions and explained the next steps will be bylaw changes regarding a long term lease for BSED, All six District Boards must approve their obligation for the long term lease and move forward with the search for a single site facility to lease.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline and first reading of Policy 507 Corporal Punishment And Prone Restraint. Mr. Swenson reviewed the revisions which reflect 2024 statutory changes regarding reasonable force. A first reading of Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy also took place. Mr. Swenson noted the revisions clarify posting requirements and distribution

Next Mr. Swenson presented Strategic Planning Proposals for the Board to consider. He explained that it has been several years since the process was done. The consensus of the Board is to use MSBA to facilitate the development of a Strategic Plan.

Lastly Mr. Swenson summarized the exit interview with Principal Beehler, Board Chair and himself. He explained the staff survey regarding expectations for the next Principal and laid out the hiring process with a tentative interview date of June 27th.

The agenda was completed at 7:20 PM with a motion to adjourn by Ebnet, and a second by Meier. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Pat Meier, Clerk