

Minutes for March 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 6:03 PM in the High School meeting room.

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

Superintendent Swenson presented the tentative Achievement & Integration Plan. Discussion ensued on the three types of achievement goals and options on what the goals will be. He explained the strategies in place that meet the Integration requirements and some options for new strategies. The final plan will be approved by the Board at the March Board meeting.

The following Policies were reviewed:

Policy 708 Transportation Nonpublic - The revisions add Minnesota Rules language regarding students with disabilities. Statutory citations at the end of many provisions are removed to restore consistency with MSBA model policies.

Policy 709 Student Transportation Safety - This revision includes changes to the definition of “serious traffic violation” in light of federal regulations and Minnesota state law.

Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance - The revision adds a Procurement Note regarding districts’ option to increase the micro-purchase threshold.

Mr. Swenson reported MASA Region VI Day at the Capital will be on March 15th. They will meet with Legislators to lobby for support of their school districts. Discussion ensued on current bills being considered as well as the funding proposals.

The agenda was completed at 6:44 PM with a motion to adjourn by Knettel and a second by Binek. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pat Meier, Clerk