

ISD #738  
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2018

Board Vice-Chair Meier called work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 to order in the Board Room at 6:02 PM

Present: Pat Meier, Russ Wolter, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, Ali Kruger and Ed Feia. Absent: Mike Higgins

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Activities Director/Dean Jason Bruns, and Elementary Principal Jim Stang

Following the building tour last month the Board discussed various parts of the building. There were questions on ICS's involvement on current projects like pool, clock system, and roof work. Mr. Swenson will check with ICS and bring information back to the Board. There were also questions on the Boiler Room. Mr. Swenson will get costs to remove the old boiler along with removal of the underground fuel tank and bring those back to the Board. Meier added locker room projects look good, however there are some areas where the trim is incomplete? Mr. Novak will be asked to look into the trim. Mr. Swenson reported on the tuck-pointing inspection the inspector recommended no action needed until 2020.

LTFM budget review was tabled until Ms. Heinze & Pat Overom with ICS meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the ten-year facility maintenance plan.

The meeting continued with winter conference session reports. Feia reported his sessions were informative and brought to light many more questions on operations of a school. Christensen attended the Referendum session, he reported a lot of districts hire help to pin point voter statistics and demographics. Wolter attended the Superintendent Evaluation session, which recommended crafting the evaluation meetings on the Board Calendar. This is not required by law in Minnesota however may be coming in the near future. Kruger attended the session on electronic security, hackers, and the dark web. Schools get hit more then other business so it is recommended to have a plan and procedure written down and documented to be ready for an attack. Meier attended the round table discussion session with many topics being discussed: Ag in school, Ag Mag subscriptions available; MSHSL new transferring guidelines, can state case for participation if moving from one parent to the other; and LGBT Clubs in schools.

Next Mr. Swenson opened discussion on School Security. He reminded the Board of the ALICE Training that administration will attend this summer and then asked for input on what could be done now. One option is to install monitors on the 3 main entrances with a buzzer system and camera system for office personnel to see person prior to buzzing them in, another option is to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO) this person would provide a presence at some after school activities, instruct classes on drug, alcohol, tobacco, driving practices, etc.. and there would be a squad car presence at school. Kruger talked about the Governor and Legislature introducing dollars for Security & Mental Health, the administration will be following this closely. Mr. Swenson has scheduled a public information meeting for Tuesday, March 20 to present security plans, Ms. Safran added she thinks the parents are expecting security upgrades now. There is a meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> to meet with a Rep to find options and estimates to install monitoring equipment on the three main entrances. The estimates for the doors, SRO, and information from the public meetings will be brought back to the Board for a decision

Mr. Swenson presented a summary of the Referendum Survey. There were 294 responses, which showed strong support for additional elementary classroom space, renovation of the pickup and drop off area for the elementary, roof replacement and expansion and creation of a secure entrance of the high school. The advice to the School Board regarding District facility needs was overwhelmingly support of refining the plan based on survey feedback and ask for voter support through a referendum.

Jason Bruns presented his concerns for space needs indicating that we have 800 students now K-8 and grades 7 & 8 are the smallest so space will be an issue now and in the future. Currently Varsity Teams are having to practice at 6:30 in the morning to secure gym space and Elementary teams are practicing at 8:00 at night to secure gym space. Kruger added with out a larger space for concerts and graduation the number of guests may have to start being limited.

A lengthy discussion on the next steps leading up to a Nov. 6, 2018 referendum vote took place. There is a lot of work to be done between now and the vote, a revised plan for the referendum and technology levy will be worked on starting with public meetings, which will include tours of the current buildings. The plan is to have a lot of information available to the community as soon as possible. Feia reinforced that transparency is the key to gaining the support to pass the vote. Mr. Swenson will schedule Pat Overom with ICS and an Architect to be at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Work Session.

The last agenda item was Policy 104 School District Mission Statement, Mr. Swenson asked the Board members to review the Mission Statement and to notify him of any questions or comments. The Policy will be on the March agenda for approval.

Motion to adjourn was made by Christensen at 9:12 PM, second by Streit. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ben Christensen, Clerk