

Minutes for May 6, 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 6:00 PM in the LMC.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ben Christensen, Lori Opatz, Robb Knettel, Pat Meier and Ed Feia. Member absent: None.

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 building projects. He reported the walls are up in the elementary classrooms and things are moving along quickly. Work is also starting on the elementary front entrance office area. The high school front entrance area has the framing up, they are working on ventilation, cement is poured, and windows will be installed soon. Work is starting in the high school cafeteria. This is ahead of schedule since there aren't any students in the building. They are seeking a few other estimates for some much needed room remodels in the high school. Mr. Swenson also informed the Board that there are three hot water heaters that are leaking and solutions are being sought. The Custodians cleaning schedule will follow behind the sprinkler installation and move across the building.

Ms. Heinze presented budget assumptions for FY21, which included the Secondary adding .1 to the work program instruction and a DECA Organization. The Elementary will have the same number of sections. She is projecting a slight increase in enrollment and a slight increase in state aid funding. Expenses are tentatively budgeted except for capital expenses and there will be adjustments to the LTFM plan.

Discussion took place on what the fall start to the school year will look like and the unknowns: if any state aid will be withheld, if students will be at school, if extra curricular activities will take place?

The principals toured the facilities with the Head Custodian and created a summer project list of hallways & rooms that are in need of flooring replacements. They also took inventory on desks, chairs and tables and may be replacing some of the inventory that is beyond repair.

Mr. Swenson informed the Board that there has been a late request from the High School Science department for additional lab stations. The consensus is to have the department research and get a solid plan in place for additional lab stations and this will be budgeted for in the next year.

Superintendent End-Of-Year Evaluation was discussed Chair Christensen asked Board members to review the goals and complete the evaluation form and return it to him. He will review them, compile the data, share the results with Mr. Swenson and approval will be at the June meeting.

Graduation program revisions to follow social distancing guidelines were discussed.

The agenda was completed at 7:01 PM with a motion to adjourn by Feia, second by Ebnet. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Evelyn Martini, Clerk