

Minutes for May 3, 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 6:30 PM in the High School meeting room.

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

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on the Food Service Freezer project. Mr. Gerber will be seeking bids for Board approval at the May 17, 2023 meeting. If timelines fall into place the completion date will be August 11, 2023.

Mr. Swenson explained the Preschool ESY will be funded by a grant. All staff in the Preschool ESY program will be paid a stipend instead of an hourly wage for summer 2023 in order to utilize the grant funds.

The second reading of Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials took place. The procedure for reconsideration of concerning materials has been added. Discussion ensued on the procedure. The policy will be on the May Board Agenda for approval as discussed.

The second reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline took place. It Shows the procedures for removal of a student from a class. The policy will be on the May Board Agenda for approval as presented.

The second reading of Policy 613 Graduation Requirements took place. The revised graduation credit revisions have been added. The policy will be on the May Board Agenda for approval as presented.

The second reading of Policy 806 Crisis Management took place. The District Crisis Plan has been added as an Addendum to the policy. The policy will be on the May Board Agenda for approval as presented.

Initial discussion on a Suicide Prevention Policy took place. MSBA currently does not have a model policy. Administration would like to have a policy in place to help guide students, staff and families during a situation. Administration will continue to work on creating this policy and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

The agenda was completed at 7:10 PM with a motion to adjourn by Ebnet and a second by Martini. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pat Meier, Clerk