

ISD #738
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018

Board Chair Higgins called work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 to order in the Board Room at 6:00 PM

Present: Mike Higgins, Pat Meier, Russ Wolter, Dale Streit, Ali Kruger, and Ben Christensen. Absent: Ed Feia, Mr. Feia arrived at 6:25 PM.

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Transportation Director Rodney Ebnet, Mark Lenz with MLA Architects and Pat Overom with ICS.

Chair Higgins opened the meeting and Mr. Overom distributed a revised cost configuration of the Referendum Project proposal. Mr. Lenz distributed a revised concept plan design. Discussion took place on what items to include and what to eliminate on the referendum.

Feia arrived at the meeting and was asked to report on the FFA Alumni meeting he was invited to attend on May 21st. He attended the meeting to collect information on the up-coming referendum options. The Board thanked Mr. Feia for the report.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Gymnasium space and on the Shop space. They looked at putting each on the ballot as a separate question. In the end it was decided to eliminate both of these items at this time in order to keep the tax increases as low as possible in line with what the survey results indicated. The Board understands the needs but has decided it isn't financially feasible at this time.

Discussion ensued on elementary classroom space. Mr. Christensen would like to see at least four elementary classrooms added and feels six are needed. Other Board members agreed that just adding two is not sufficient. Mr. Christensen also asked about removing the wall between the Student Lounge and High School Cafeteria to enlarge that space. Mr. Swenson confirmed the additional space is needed in the high school cafeteria and this should be included.

Mr. Higgins summarized the consensus to go with a first question of a Tech/Operating Levy of \$200 per pupil. The second question will be the Referendum, consisting of roof replacement, elementary classroom addition and secure front office entrance, re-work elementary parking lots and expand high school parking lot, re-work existing high school office/entry adding security and enlarging the entrance/commons area.

Next Work Session is scheduled for June 6th at 6:00 PM in the board Room.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 PM by Christensen, second Feia. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ben Christensen, Clerk