

Minutes for November 4, 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 6:03 PM in the High School meeting room using social distancing.

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

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, and Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

Mr. Swenson reported on COVID decisions that have been made moving to distance learning for students in grades 7-12 through Thanksgiving break. He explained that the State of MN has a list of schools that has had 5 positive tests within 14 days and once you are on the list the school has to be without any cases for 3 weeks. Staffing shortages in the high school lead to the decision to go to distance learning. Administration is fielding many questions regarding distance learning procedures, protocols, materials and supplies. The hope is to have students back in the hybrid-learning model on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on fall activities. Activities are still taking place following protocols and guidelines. Some games have been cancelled due to quarantine orders.

Mr. Knettel reported on the Community Ed. Advisory meeting. The participation numbers last spring and summer were lower because of COVID. There are classes, programs and activities being offered moving forward following the necessary protocols.

Annually the Superintendent and Board review and set goals. Mr. Swenson asked for input on developing goals. After discussion the consensus of the Board is to focus on getting through the COVID-19 Pandemic. Goals will be revisited at a later date.

Other items discussed included Board member trainings, fire alarm testing, and track renovation project.

The agenda was completed at 7:20 PM with a motion to adjourn by Ebnet, second by Feia. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Evelyn Martini, Clerk