

Minutes for Oct. 18, 2017 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

Chair Mike Higgins called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 5:01 in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Russ Wolter, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit,
Pat Meier arrived at 5:04 PM
Ali Kruger left at 5:56 PM
Members absent: Todd Smith, Pat Meier.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernick, and Business Manager Beth Heinze.

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Sept. 20th Regular Board Meeting, the Sept. 20th Special Meeting, and the Oct. 4th Work Session; approval of Lane Change for Katie Novitzki; approval of Policy 533 Wellness Policy; approval of Advisor /Dept. Chairs for 2017-2018; and approval of Post Prom Fundraisers. On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Higgins welcomed fellow board members, and administration.

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported on ACT student payment options and presented data comparing what surrounding districts charge. The test is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2018 the consensus of the Board is to have students pay half of the cost. He talked to the Board about purchasing Safes for High School & Elementary Offices, the Board is in agreement that it is a good idea and Mr. Swenson will proceed with getting estimates. Lastly he reported on summer facility projects, there was a building walk through this past week and with only a couple small items left the projects are very close to complete and on budget.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernick reported the early Parent Teacher Conferences have been well received, NHS Induction is coming up with 16 new members being inducted, Veterans Program will be held Nov. 9th due to there being no school on Nov. 10th, Student Council Blood Drive will take place Oct. 27, Targeted Services program starts Oct. 23, College Knowledge Month is stirring a lot of excitement kudos to Deb Ruszat, Fall Play showings will be on Nov. 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Mr. Silbernick also reported on activities: Boys Cross Country Team is CMC Champs for the 5th year in a row, at FFA regionals students represented HHS very well and 6 students along with Mr. Roberts will be attending the national convention.

BSED Report: Mike Higgins reported Interactive Technology is an option to qualify for Open meeting law if needed for a corium, BSED will enter into a contract with community solar garden to save on energy, Insurance rebate was received, SPED files were reviewed, voyagers' building is full, Holdingford slots for Due Process nights are filled.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported on monthly expenditures as of August 31st and as of September 30th. 16% of general fund is spent, will go out for bids for Life Ins, & Long Term Disability the process will start in Nov. effective July 1st, 2018.

BUSINESS

Nancy Schulzetenberg from KDV presented a summary of the FY17 Audit. The District received an Unmodified Opinion on Financial Statements – The best opinion an Auditor can issue!

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve the FY17 Audit as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the bills check numbers 79828-79972 in the amount of \$619,095.03 and activity check numbers 011855-011870 for a total of \$11,354.11. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2,760,621.55. Motion carried. AIF.

Treasurer's balance per books for August \$3,931,773.53 and for September \$2,716,966.76.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to correct the error related to the taxes payable year listed in item 2 of the Resolution Authorizing a Board Approved Referendum Authority previously approved. The effective date should have been listed as "beginning with taxes payable in 2015". Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to approve the Amendment to the Antenna Site Lease Agreement as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, for consent that the signature of Michael Higgins, on the Antenna Amendment, and any other documents and instruments executed in connection therewith or pursuant thereto shall be conclusive evidence of his authority to execute and deliver such instruments or documents. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to approve the Reading Well by Third Grade Local Literacy Plan as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to call for Special Closed Meeting after the regular November 15th School Board meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies if necessary. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve FMLA Leave for [REDACTED] from approximately 1/8/18 to 4/5/18. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to approve FMLA Leave for Missy Rhode from approximately 11/16/17 to 2/8/18. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve Unpaid Leave for Ed. Assist. Shellie Konz through 11/10/2017 pending adequate substitutes can be found. Motion carried. AIF.

The agenda was completed at 6:05 PM with a motion to adjourn by Christensen, second by Wolter. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ben Christensen, Clerk