

ISD #738  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2018

Present: Russ Wolter, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Ben Christensen, Ali Kruger, Mike Higgins, Board member Elect Evelyn Martini, Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Transportation Director Rodney Ebnet and Jodi Zesbaugh with Ehlers arrived at 6:15

Absent: Ed Feia

Meeting called to order in the High School Board Room at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Higgins.  
Mr. Higgins welcomed new Board Member Elect Evelyn Martini.

Bus Lease proposal, Ms. Heinze presented lease options for two buses. A 3-year and a 5-year lease option with a 3.9% interest rate. She recommends going with the 5-year lease to stay within budget. With the \$15,000 grant from Volkswagen that Mr. Ebnet applied for. The grant requires the District to scrap an old Bus to reduce submissions. With the grant it will be a \$5,000 increase over 5 years for the lease to own contract for the two new busses. The other Bus will be kept for activity routes. Bus delivery date will be in March. Payments start in July 2019. The Board gave a verbal OK to move forward with the 5-year lease. Approval will be at the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

Ms. Zesbaugh presented the Municipal Bond Pre-Sale Report. She also presented information on municipal bond trends, a sample Resolution for the Dec. board meeting, pre-election estimates compared to actual property tax levy and rate summary for taxes payable in 2018 and 2019. The data shows the tax impact will actually be less than the pre-election estimates, which is good news.

Discussion on start time for January 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting lead to a consensus to change the start time to 5:00 PM to allow Ms. Zesbaugh to attend and present the Bond Sale.

Mr. Higgins reported on the 11/19/18 Technology Committee meeting. He asked for clarification on the Raptor System being used at the three main entrances and informed the Board of items being proposed for purchase with the new technology money.

Promethean Boards replaced with Smart Boards.

A CNC Machine with computer numerical control laser milling for the wood shop, which is industry standard for cabinet construction at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Mr. Feia is still meeting with departments to obtain and prioritize the final wants and needs.

Building Project Update- Mr. Swenson reported the first steps of survey and soil bearings are starting, the roof project specs are being developed and the Architects will be here on Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to meet with user groups. He informed the board that Lawyers are reviewing the Contracts from ICS and MLA prior to signing. He also asked for two board members to be on the POC (Project Oversight Committee), which will meet for the first time on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM in the boardroom. Ed Feia and Russ Wolter have agreed to be on this committee.

Mr. Swenson presented a Strategic Planning Timeline to update the District Mission/Vision and Priorities. He would like to gather more input from parents, staff, administration, students, and community. The board members will research methods and Mr. Swenson will schedule presentations prior to choosing the method to collect input.

The Preschool registration information was reviewed. The information that has changed is pertaining to priority given to District residents. The Board asked for clarification on priority two. Mr. Swenson will get clarification and bring back to the Dec. regular meeting.

The next work session will be Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Mr. Higgins entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:21p.m. Motion by Ben, second by Dale. Motion carried. All In Favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clerk, Ben Christensen