

ISD #738  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2019

Present: Evelyn Martini, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Ben Christensen, Evelyn Martini, Activities Director Jason Bruns, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze, and Superintendent Chris Swenson.

Absent: Mike Higgins, Russ Wolter

Meeting called to order in the LMC at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Christensen.

Jason Bruns introduced Ryan Lamberty from the Varsity Group he presented information on a Digital Trophy Case. Mr. Lamberty demonstrated all of the features available with the cloud-hosting package. The Board discussed replacing trophy cases with a Digital Touchwall. This would allow the district to reclaim wall space, display more history while staying up-to-date in minutes. The Touchwall can be shared with school supporters anywhere in the world with cloud hosting. The Board will discuss this further as the new high school entrance is developed.

POC Committee met on 4/18/19. Mr. Swenson presented a drawing of the front entrance with the addition of a family bathroom. The design group is starting to look at interior design, furniture and equipment. The ITV Room will be transformed into offices and a team changing room. Mr. Swenson distributed renderings of the front entrance, preschool and kindergarten rooms. He updated the Board on the roofing project, the pool roof is complete and the High School Gym is being done. Parking lot project is in the design phase. Next POC meeting 5/2/19.

Mr. Christensen reported on the Community Education Advisory Council meeting held on 4/8/19. A recap of spring activities, preview of summer programs, a survey to be sent out in the near future and new program ideas were all presented.

Ms. Martini reported on the Technology meeting held on 4/8/19. She informed the Board the network upgrade, camera project and new technology purchases were reviewed. This work is scheduled to be completed by the time summer school starts with quotes coming for approval at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Discussion on streaming live concerts and improvements on microphone systems in gym and theater took place. Mr. Swenson updated the board on Fund 6 purchases including wrestling room wall pads, ventilation fan replacements including electrical, and LED lighting in the gyms.

Ms. Heinze presented 2018-2019 original and revised budgets with the major revision being SPED revenue dollars being increased. The bottom line is basically a break even to the fund balance. Final revisions will be at the May meeting for approval.

Staffing for next year is in progress with the high school social studies, english and math positions filled. The administrative assistants position is still being considered. The Elementary grades K-3 will have four sections, grades 4 and 5 will have three sections at this time and grade 6 will be four sections. The kindergarten position and one-third grade position is filled. There will be another third grade vacancy to fill and a combination SPED/preschool position that is posted in-house at this time. Community Education just hired a new Kid Zone Site Leader, SRO position will remain part time, and the Mental Health staffing plan is being developed. A lengthy discussion took place on class sizes and the possibility of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> grade section, it is still a volatile piece at this time waiting to see what the state approves for school funding and if students are gained.

The next work session will be Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Boardroom

Mr. Christensen entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Motion by Streit, second by Feia. Motion carried. All In Favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clerk, Dale Streit