

## **Minutes for May 17, 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 6:01PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Pat Meier and Student member Jenna Scott.  
Members absent: Todd Smith, Russ Wolter, Dale Streit.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, and Elementary Principal Jim Stang.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the amended agenda. Items added 5.1a. to add Special Board meeting; 7.5. to increase Work Program instructor time. 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 April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the April 26<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting, the April 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session and the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$387,798.80, computer checks approved 79125-79273; approval of the district activity checks 011802-011811, which totaled \$6,190.52; approval of the electronic transfer for April \$1,447,308.72; Treasurer's report balance per books April \$3,481,212.91; approval of Policy 616 District System Accountability, approval of Summer School Staff; and Authorization to hire Kid Zone Summer Assistant Cassandra Schwantz.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Higgins, Christensen, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Higgins welcomed fellow board members, administration, staff, and guests.

### **REPORTS**

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported on Snack Bar for Teacher Appreciation Week, Fire Inspection, Awards & Scholarships Program where over \$37,000 in scholarships were awarded, playground has raised \$60,000 to date with a meeting to finalize details next week, and he requested a Special Negotiation Session to follow the May 24 Work Session to prepare for upcoming negotiations. Mr. Swenson informed the Board that he just received the numbers from Ehlers regarding tax impacts, he is looking into an iPad buy back, Graduation is June 2 @ 7:00 PM and lastly he updated the Board on the Maintenance Grounds position.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier to add a Special Closed Negotiation Session following the Board Work Session on May 24, 2017. Motion carried. AIF.

Student Report, Jenna Scott reported on T-Shirt fundraiser to help with a students medical expenses, spring fling, senior class trip, and graduation.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported senior letter & parent letters have been sent out, senior scholarship awards took place, instructional supplies budgets are finalized, capital items have been approved, senior last day is May 26, graduation practice is on June 1, and Graduation is on June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM. Mr. Silbernack also informed the Board student schedules are out for next year, summer school set, and assessments are finished. He thanks media tech & staff for the efforts during testing!

Elementary Principal Jim Stang gave kudos to the 5 & 6 students and staff for a great Concert. He opened discussion on the K-4 Concert and the over crowded gym with options for changes to accommodate the audiences, Grandparents Day went well he thanked the staff & students; Silent basket fundraiser was a huge success, as well as the book fair. Mr. Stang thanked the PTA for their work with the Book fair, Grandparent's Day and testing incentives. He mentioned some upcoming events: bike rodeo, drugs in our community presentation, fun run on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Inflatable party, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation and playground destruction/build.

BSED Report, Mr. Higgins reported on calendar, voyager needs for students less than 6 years of age, and new phone system.

#### BUSINESS

Mr. Swenson clarified the \$274,624.56 figure including the zip line, pending fundraising efforts.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve Playground Bid Proposal with Leathers & Associates. Total project cost with Sitting Zip Line \$274,624.56 pending appropriate fundraising Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to table Agreement with Benton Stearns Education District until June meeting. Mr. Swenson will get strike copy and clarify dates. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds; and first reading of Policy 806 Crisis Management Policy.

Motion by Meier, second by Kruger, to approve 2017-2018 Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion carried. AIF.

#### PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to accept resignation from Food Service employee Roseanne Feia. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve FMLA leave for Rebecca Przybilla starting approximately May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Summer Cleaners as presented, adding Jeremiah Christensen. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to Re-Authorize Jason Bruns as Teacher on Special Assignment of Activities Director/Dean of Students. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve increasing Work Program Instructor to .4. Motion carried. AIF

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 20<sup>th</sup> Ignite Center Hosting movie Resilience pre registration required.

The Board acknowledged donations from Stearns Bank-Skalicky Foundation of up to \$25,000 matching grant donation for the Playground; Resurrected Artists \$400 donation to the Drama Department; and the Ed Lowe Family donation of the Maple Tree. The Board thanked them all for their generosity!

Work Session May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Board Room Closed Special meeting to discuss negotiations.

Work Session June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room

Regular School Board Meeting June 21st, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the LMC

The agenda was completed at 6:52 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Meier, second by Christensen. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk