

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, February 13, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Amy Dalton, Jennifer Robel, Jessie Jones, Mark Perry, Marisa Anderson, Robert Halgren, Kevin Leonard, David Hornak

Central Office Team Present: Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Matt Morales, Mike Dunckel, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dr. Hornak gave some opening comments. He gave an update regarding ongoing contract negotiations with the Paraeducators bargaining unit. He also stated that in October 2022, the Board received a complaint from a parent and student. The District hired Thrun Law Firm to investigate this complaint. Thrun concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the complaint and determined no Board policies had been violated. The District will provide training to all coaches of extracurricular activities. He asked for anyone that may have questions to contact the Superintendent’s Office. Dr. Hornak went on to discuss the swatting incident, where a call was made to 911 reporting an active shooter situation at Okemos High School. This happened in 8 other districts around the state as well. All the calls were fake. It pulled emergency resources from all those areas to investigate. It was extremely frightening for the districts involved and caused a lot of fear and concern for area districts as well.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Add item 5.6.2 New Board Committee – Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee and remove item 6.1. SRO Report since Deputy Jordan gave her report during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Leah Porter and her 3rd Grade Students were in attendance to be recognized for the students having art hung on the 2022 White House holiday tree.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS* *Note: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.*

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2023*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023*

Minutes of MLK Board/Admin Workshop of January 16, 2023*

Gifts*

Dani Fairman - \$1,000 Donation to Elliott Elementary Music Program*

P&W AutoAir - \$5,000 Donation to HHS Robotics Team*

Discount Carpet - \$500 Donation to HHS Robotics Team*

*Requires Board action

Kroger Rewards - \$1,551.07*
Approval of Bills Paid*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Student Representative Reports – Lukas Hartley said it has been quite the month. Winterfest was this past weekend and it was great. The Okemos incident was very scary for our students and hit home. There was a pipe burst at North Campus, but it was fixed very quickly. There was a bus incident a couple weeks ago that was frightening to students. Lucas shared building level staff at the MC do not view the student body as allies, but more as people to be corralled. No one says hello to the students, and it feels students are the enemy. He recognizes a small group of students cause problems, but the administration at HHS seems to be negative in their interactions with students. He would like to see sense of community built between the administration and students. He said Mr. Willard does a great job with the staff, but the other staff do not.

President Dalton stated she hears him and appreciates his feedback.

Lukas stated that he mentioned at the last meeting he feels a student rep to work with the senior administration would be advised.

Dr. Hornak stated the Welcoming Protocols EOSP initiative team is working on some of these items and will also do some reach-out to HHS administration.

Mark Perry, Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) – Trustee Perry reported on the most recent CIC meeting that was held on site at Elliott Elementary. The committee had the meeting and then did a tour of the construction projects.

Trustee Perry also asked the Board for approval of the Construction Documents (CD) Drawings presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the Horizon CD documents as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Jessie Jones, Personnel Committee – Trustee Jones gave an overview of the recently held Personnel Committee where the committee reviewed attorney/client privileged information. No Board policies had been violated.

Jennifer Robel, Chairperson, Transportation and Safety Committee - Trustee Robel gave an overview of recently held Transportation and Safety Committee due process hearings. She presented the committee discipline recommendation for students N, O, P, R and Reinstatement Hearing for Student Q.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student N. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student O. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student P. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the reinstatement recommendation for Student Q. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student R. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak gave an overview of his monthly Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. He also shared information from the recently updated Student Data Dashboard. This dashboard is housed on the hpsk12.net website. We are also still grappling with supply chain shortages that affect our bond work. He shared the updated COVID numbers for the school year. He also encouraged those feeling ill to remain home. We have approved over 800 volunteers to volunteer in our district. We have had a lot of positive media coverage over the last month as well.

President Dalton shared February Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events - This that included: black history month; Heart month, teen dating violence awareness month, Rosa parks day, random acts of kindness day, president's day and #LoveTeaching month

President Dalton – New Board Committee - President Dalton asked the Board to consider creating a new Board committee. She would like to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the creation of the new Committee. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SRO Report – Deputy Jordan presented highlights of her monthly SRO report at the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Overnight/Extended Student Trip Requests – At the Committee of the Whole meeting the Board heard two overnight trip proposals.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the HOSA State Leadership Conference trip request as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the DECA International Conference trip request as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Office Update –Jessica Cotter presented the Curriculum Office updates earlier at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Steve Netzel presented the Board with information from the Sex Education Advisory Board and asked the Board to adopt the 2021 version of Puberty the Wonder Years.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the adoption of Puberty the Wonder Years updated 2021 version as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Steve also wanted to address on the ELA pilot TK-5. They are not adopting a core program for next year. He apologized for the lateness in providing the HPS Curriculum Audit and Adoption Process document he shared with the Board at the meeting. He shared an overview of this document with the Board. He spoke specifically about piloting some phonics programs in the spring and will continue to look for other programs to put through the audit and adoption process. He will bring that information back to the Board after the pilot.

President Dalton said the time is right to be looking into this.

Human Resources Update – Erin Quinlan presented the monthly HR Report to the Board earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting material located in the Superintendent's Office.

Dr. Quinlan also asked the Board to approve the presented Admin Title and Salary Level Adjustment proposal. A copy of the proposal is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the Secretary to the Superintendent title change to Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Liaison. And for the salary level to move from an 11 to 10. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update – Matt Morales shared an update on happenings in the DEI office and stated they were planning a Day of Unity event for after the mid-winter break. He looks forward to reporting on that at the next Board meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mike Dunckel presented the Monthly Financial Packet. A copy of the packet is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. Mike also shared information from his

MSBO meeting recently where they discussed state funding from the Governor's recommended per pupil increase.

Trustee Halgren asked if we heard about the balanced calendar grant. 31y came in and it is better than we expected and we expect to receive that soon.

Horizon Elementary Reroofing Project – Rick Brown presented a proposal for the Horizon Elementary reroofing project. A copy of the proposal is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

This will be tabled until the March 13th Board meeting.

Food Service Presentation – Evan Robertson presented several Food Service projects to the Board for consideration during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the increase for the Junior High Serving Line from \$35,000 approved in November 2022 to \$57,000 due to an increase in cost in product and labor with a 10% contingency. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee to approve the increase for the Washington Woods Serving Line from \$38,000 approved in November 2022 to \$90,000 due to an increase in cost of the product and the addition of a serving line which includes a 10% contingency. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the purchase of new lunch tables for Elliott and Washington Woods for a cost of \$70,000 which includes a 10% buffer.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee to approve the purchase of a walk-in fridge/freezer for Washington Woods in anticipation of the 6-8 configuration for up to \$55,000. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary