

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

**Monday, March 13, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Absent:** Marisa Anderson

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Opening Comments** – Dr. Hornak wanted to pause for a moment of silence in of Jason Gentry Jr. He was a ninth grader who spent his school career as a student at Holt Public Schools. He was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and lost his life recently after fighting an aggressive brain tumor. His father is a teacher at Sycamore Elementary.

He also shared how much we care for our students and employees. We are still in negotiations with our paraeducator bargaining unit. We are still in fact finding.

We got an update on snow days. We get 6 days and a district that goes over that can appeal for up to 3 days. If denied, you can add days at the end of the year. Most of our blended calendar schools have used 3 inclement days. Hope used 4 days. Wilcox has used 5 days due to bad weather while blended was off for mid-winter break and Elliott has used all 6 days. If we make the decision to close, we put it on the district website, send a robo-call and place it on the media stations and social media.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - We are removing items 7.1, 8.1 and 8.2, 9.1 and 9.3 will be covered next month.

**TEACHER SPOTLIGHT** - We had two teacher spotlights this month:

Brooke Murphy, HHS Spanish Teacher – Distinguished Service Award awarded by Michigan World Language Association. Brooke was present for the meeting along with her husband and children. She has been a member for 22 years with the organization currently serves as the chairperson. This is a state-wide organization and Brooke described it as a wonderful organization and said she was honored to receive the award.

Allison Wonch, Sycamore Kinetics Teacher – Adaptive Physical Education Teacher of the Year 2022 awarded by Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPEMi) – Allison was honored to receive the award. She was nominated by a fellow teacher and letters of support and to be honored by colleagues and peers and recognized for adaptive PE. It is a special award.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** – 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 February 13, 2023\*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023\*

Gifts\*

Kroger Rewards of \$1,512.41

Tod Perleberg – Audio Visual Equipment estimated value of \$5,000

Approval of Bills Paid\*

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

## **REPORTS**

Student Representative Reports – Ja’Nyia Lawson James stated the students are feeling frustrated by lack of response from counselors at the high school. They require you to make an appointment and they do not respond to their email. Girls’ basketball is doing great and everything else is going well and students are really looking forward to spring break. Dr. Hornak stated he will be addressing the concerns regarding the counselors at the high school this week.

Mark Perry, Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) – Trustee Perry shared that the CIC did not meet prior to the meeting. He gave a brief bond construction update.

Robert Halgren, Building & Grounds Committee – They met recently and discussed facilities projects around the district. The crew has gotten some of the spring work done early. We discussed sustainability projects such as solar farming etc. He also mentioned we are realizing a lot of return on our investment with the new energy bonds.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation & Safety Committee – The committee recently held a due process hearing and made a recommendation for Student S of permanent expulsion of 180 days.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the Transportation and Safety Committee’s recommendation of permanent expulsion of 180 days for Student S. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Hornak gave highlights of his Superintendent’s Report. He highlighted great news happening around the district. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

Amy Dalton, Curriculum Committee – President Dalton gave a brief update on a recently held Curriculum Committee meeting. They took a comprehensive look at ELL, current class sizes, visioning career tech ed.

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Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events – President Dalton stated that in the month of March we celebrate/commemorate the following: Reading Month, Music in Our School, Disability Awareness Month, Gender Equity Month, and others. She also highlighted that the DEI Office puts out a great calendar of numerous events as well.

#### President's Report

President Dalton also recognized the tragedy at Michigan State University and how devastating it is to our community and district and that she is proud of the District and the support and handling of the event and support given to our students and staff.

Dr. Halgren also touched on the tragedy and mentioned he has a daughter who sheltered in place in her dorm room during the incident. He also wanted to highlight how important it is to encourage those who are struggling with mental health to get help in the same way they would if they had a broken arm. It is a real illness that requires the same attention as any other illness.

#### **WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

SRO Report – Deputy Jordan presented her monthly SRO Report during the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier. 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, HHS Girls Tennis Trip\* - Coach Olcheske attended the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier and provided details of the overnight trip to Traverse City.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the Overnight Trip Request for the HHS Girl's Tennis trip to Traverse City as presented. They need to report the hotel and driver information to the Superintendent's Office prior to the trip. Motion carried.

JUUL Litigation Resolution\* - Dr. Hornak shared that the District joined the class action lawsuit against JUUL and requested that the Board approve the JUUL Litigation Resolution as presented.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the JUUL Litigation Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

#### Roll call:

Anderson – Absent

Dalton – Yes

Halgren – Yes

Jones – Yes

Leonard – Yes

Perry – Yes

Robel – Yes

Motion carried.

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### **DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update – Matt apologized for missing Committee of the Whole, he was at a job fair with Shannon Barker at MSU. It was great to see and hear from past Holt students at the event. He also provided an update on Unity Day. This was honoring student voice held a secondary Unity Day. Filled with a safe space to communicate and grow with our students. It allowed for uncomfortable conversations and the focus was on continuing to cultivate an inclusive environment and district. The students would like to create a student culture and climate committee at each school. Jen Robel stated that she attended something last Friday and someone with knowledge at the state level stated that Holt Public is well ahead of other districts in the state and it is due to the DEI Office and the work being done. Matt said it is all of us being committed.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Horizon Elementary Reroofing Project\* - Rick Brown presented the updated Horizon Elementary Reroofing project earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the updated request is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updated Horizon Elementary Reroofing Project as presented. The vendor will be Weather Shield Roofing Systems in the amount of \$419,532.00 +20% contingency. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Trustee Robel asked about the status of the student representative meeting at the high school. Christine Lopez did state that she had a conversation with Mr. Willard, and he stated he was going to set up a meeting. Ja’Nyiah stated that Mr. Willard did set up a meeting and it is scheduled for Thursday morning.

**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. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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