

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, December 11, 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, Mike Dunckel, Carrie Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Dr. Hornak shared some opening comments surrounding gratitude and how it creates a ripple effect. He also shared that Steve Netzel will be moving on to the Learning Wallet Project for Statewide Grant work at the Eaton County RESA. He expressed his appreciation for Steve’s 20+ years of service to Holt Public Schools.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were the following changes. Removing 5.3.2. and 6.2.1 (F). In addition, we are removing 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 8.1 as they were covered in the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - Jamie Kline, HHS Gymnastics’ coach was introduced by Athletic Director, Chris Bishop. He shared that Mrs. Kline had received the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in Gymnastics Award for 2023-24.

Jamie said she realized her purpose as a coach is creating that safe space for the students to excel and serve their needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Taylor Grossman – Senior student at HHS North Campus. She shared the heating and cooling of the buildings at the High School and North Campus. She has had to wear several layers to keep warm at the North Campus and then they move to the High School Main Campus they are sweating. She wanted to know if the Bond upgrades for the High School/North Campus could be moved up on the timeline.

Jeanette Barnes – Elliott needs more parking. Lots of amazing events are hosted but there is not enough parking for everyone. She is especially concerned as 5th grade moves in and the safety of drop off and pick up.

Emily Simowski – Discussed her resignation. Concerns regarding overloading and safety.

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 November 13, 2023*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023*

Gifts*

Kroger Rewards - \$1,393.24*

HPS Fall Athletic Boosters - \$53,553.37*

Approval of Bills Paid*

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

REPORTS

Student Representative Report – Ja’Niya Lawson-James reported that the North Campus is cold, and the Main Campus is hot as was discussed earlier. Exams are next week. Winterfest will be coming up soon. Students and Teachers should be treating each other with respect.

Jake Gillentine – Absent

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee Report shared that there had been a few due process hearings since the last Board meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the committee’s final disciplinary recommendation for Student D of long-term suspension of 28 days. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the committee’s final disciplinary recommendation for Student E of expulsion through the end of the school year of 111 days. Motion carried.

Student F removed as he was a no show and will be rescheduled at the parent’s request.

Kevin Leonard, DEI Committee Report – Chairperson Leonard shared earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting that the committee met recently to discuss the top candidates and interview process for the next DDEI (Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).

Jessie Jones, Policy Committee – shared earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting that last month we tabled the changes made to PO 7217 Weapons to inquire if the language regarding retired law-enforcement carrying on District property was language we had a choice in determining. We sought clarification and it is a statute and not enforceable if we removed it from our policy language.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the updated policy language for PO 7217 Weapons. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Hornak provided updates from 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. Highlights include: The HHS Musical had the highest attendance recorded to date. We have a State Champion Diver – Bella Emery, 42 Thanksgiving meals were distributed by the Pop-Up Pantry. CTE advisor noted that students

would like the two following bills passed during a tour of the Capital Building. Driver's Education returned to High School and CTE courses evenly distributed statewide to model HPS. He also shared that he recently attended the MEMSPA Conference where Wilcox Elementary Principal, Traci Heuhs was named Regional Principal of the Year.

Amy Dalton, Curriculum Committee Meeting Report – President Dalton shared that the Curriculum met recently to discuss GPA review.

Amy Dalton, President's Report – President Dalton shared here report earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting such as: Universal Rights month, HIV awareness month, International Day of People with Disabilities, Pearl Harbor, Hanukkah, International Genocide Prevention, Christmas, and Kwanza.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dimondale Elementary Series 2 Bond Abatement Work – IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the Dimondale Elementary Series 2 Bond Abatement Work in the amount not to exceed \$155,975 by HBC Contracting. Motion carried.

Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trips – Spanish teachers Brooke Murphy and Karen Holman-Cervera gave a presentation on the trip in the Committee of the Whole.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Spanish trip to the Dominican Republic during Spring Break 2024. Motion carried.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Office Update – Jessica Cotter gave a Curriculum Office update presentation earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard supported by Trustee Jones to approve the 2024-25 Holt Junior High Course Guide as presented. Motion carried.

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HR Report – Erin Quinlan presented her HR Report in the Committee of the Whole Meeting earlier. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials in the Superintendent's office.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Mike Dunckel presented the monthly Financial Packet earlier in the Committee of the Whole Meeting. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials in the Superintendent's office.

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 Robel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary