

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

BOARD AND ADMIN WORKSHOP

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

NORTH CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT CENTER, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 - 8:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Robert Halgren

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

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission & Vision – The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no changes/additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – President Dalton shared a land acknowledgement.

OPENING REMARKS – Board President, Amy Dalton shared opening remarks. She shared that Governor Whitmer proclaimed August as Civility Awareness Day and encouraged everyone to work towards providing a kind and civil environment for our students and staff.

SETTING THE STAGE – LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD – Dr. Hornak shared opening comments and acknowledged that we recently had three key staff members leave the district. Matt Morales, Heather Findley, and Paul Shanks. He acknowledged the pain and loss of these positions. He centered on our adopted EOSP and that the work continues. He also stated we are working to get the job postings adjusted and are committed to finding the best candidates to fill the positions.

Dr. Hornak read A Kids Book About Belonging by Kevin Carroll. After reading he asked the district leaders to continue to challenge themselves to creating a sense of belonging for our students. He also asked each table to share one way they plan to do this for 23-24.

Tech Time 1.0 – Minimize tech distractions.

Highlights from the 2022-23 School Year – Dr. Hornak reflected back to last year's clock activity that focused on how difficult it is to work when things are out of sync. He highlighted how last year we

August 2, 2023 - Board and Admin Workshop Meeting Minutes (Approved)

saw students, staff and the district in general with increased energy and uplifted spirit over the prior year. He is hoping to continue that momentum into the 23-24 school year.

What are you looking forward to during the 2023-24 school year? – Dr. Hornak asked each table to share with each other what they are looking forward to for the upcoming school year.

BOARD BUSINESS

12TH Grade AP Calculus Text – Calculus 9th Edition by Steward, Clegg, Watson Approval*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the 12th Grade AP Calculus Text in the amount of \$17,613.75 as presented.

Trustee Robel asked if this included an online version. Jessica Cotter stated the team decided on hardbound textbooks, the teacher will have access to an online version. She stated the team looked at both versions and decided they wanted hardbound books at this time. Trustee Robel asked who the team members were that reviewed it. Mrs. Cotter responded it was previous teacher Marty Schnepf and his replacement Josh Jones.

Motion carried.

INTRO TO SCHOOLS CANNOT DO IT ALONE AND JAMIE VOLLMER VISIT – Dr. Hornak shared a brief video of Jamie Vollmer highlighting Schools Cannot do it Alone. He shared that Jamie Vollmer will be speaking in the Holt High School Auditorium on October 2, 2023

DiSC PROFILE ACTIVITY - JUSTIN WEAVER, FACILITATOR – Dr. Hornak introduced Justin Weaver and he walked us through activities related to the DiSC profiles.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Each Board member shared their thoughts with the group. Several Board members expressed concern about the loss of three key administrators and concerns from some staff of internal resistance to DEI initiatives. They emphasized that Holt Public Schools will continue to focus on DEI, Mental Health, and Restorative Practices. Comments also included appreciation and encouragement for the 23-24 school year.

FINAL THOUGHTS – Dr. Hornak thanked everyone for their engagement and participation.

Ticket Out – Tech Time 2.0 – Dr. Hornak asked for the team to provide feedback via a Menti-Meter survey.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

August 2, 2023 - Board and Admin Workshop Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Jessie Jones, Secretary