

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, November 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, Mike Dunckel, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Christine Lopez, Carrie Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Dr. Hornak made some opening comments. He highlighted that today is World Kindness Day and encouraged everyone to practice kindness today and every day. He also said he attended the HHS Production of Sweeney Todd and it was fantastic. He attended the MHSAA Coach's Awards and HHS Gymnastics Coach, Jamie Kline won Michigan Gymnastics Coach of the Year. He urged everyone to find ways to demonstrate gratitude going forward.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were add 6.4a – Dimondale DD Estimate Report, 6.4b - Dimondale, 6.4c. remove 7.1 – SRO Report and remove 6.2 Transportation and Safety Committee Update

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - What's Good in the Woods presentation by Washington Woods 6th grade students Lauren Davis, and Desmond Courtney. They were introduced by Washington Woods Principal, Tanya Merritt.

Lauren shared that her time at WW has been great. The staff is kind and caring. She also highlighted her homeroom teachers. She shared how involved and caring Mrs. Merritt is in creating a caring environment. She wished students were kinder to each other and took school learning more seriously. She said she knows all students would say they would like additional time for lunch and recess.

Desmond said he agrees students do want more time for lunch and recess. There is good energy with the staff at Woods. He said he feels his voice is not heard by other students. The students need to stop peer pressure and be kinder. He also feels there should be two warnings and then action taken. Bullying makes other students not have a good experience. He would like to see follow-up meetings to see if actions were followed. He said other than he stated he loves his school.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sharon Parks – has an issue that to get the Board reports she must go to the Superintendent's Office. She feels they should be posted where she could review them.

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 October 16, 2023*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023*

*Requires Board action

Approval of Bills Paid*

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

REPORTS

Student Representative Report – JaNiya Lawson-James and Jake Gillentine were both absent.

Jessie Jones, Policy Committee Report – The Policy Committee recently met with Patrick Kreger from NEOLA to go through the Fall 2023 Policy Updates. The Board waived having a second reading.

PO 1540 Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 2370.01 Online/Blended Learning Program* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

Trustee Jones will follow-up on the Board's question about who makes the decision to approve this

PO 5771 Search and Seizure – This policy was updated to clarify that when we are talking about reasonable suspicion of drugs or weapons, we are talking about on school property and not just in the school buildings

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 7217 Weapons* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language.

Trustee Halgren asked if we could table this approval to get information on retired officers carrying language in the proposed policy. This was tabled to get clarification.

PO 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 8531 September 2023 Revised Free and Reduced-Price Meals* - this policy has been revised to address the free meal money allocation statutory policy reference (M.C.L. 388.1630d) that states the district must, to be eligible for the funding, take "all efforts to maximize and implement policies that require parents or guardians to fill out relevant family information..." to determine if they qualify for federal free or reduced cost meal reimbursement. In addition, the policy has been revised to include the stigma language moved from AG 8500D

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 8305 Information Security* - Technical correction.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 8390 Animals on District Property * - There was a provision listed for animals on district property to be approved by the Principal and it was changed to the Superintendent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

PO 9700 Relations with Special Interest Groups* This was to ensure we are being equitable in our relationships with Special Interest Groups and to clarify language.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the updated policy language. Motion carried.

Kevin Leonard, DEI Committee Report – The DEI Committee met recently, and they discussed the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion applications and that is moving along nicely. We also discussed Tribal Affiliation and Recruitment.

Mark Perry, CIC Committee Report – The CIC Committee met recently, and he suggested the budget be updated to \$32,500,000 is the end number that the bond partners will not be exceeded without Board approval.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to accept the HPS Series 2 Dimondale Design Development Estimate Report to not exceed \$32,500,000. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to accept the Dimondale Design Development Drawings as submitted. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and Trustee Robel to approve \$76,000 in committed funds to update the flooring at Elliott Elementary School.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak shared highlights from his report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. He highlighted several data points that he updated last year at this time for the Board. He was happy to report that several data points have improved.

Amy Dalton, President's Report – President Dalton highlighted some of the Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events for the month of November, such as: Native American Heritage Month, National Child Safety and Prevention, Diabetes Awareness Month, National Adoption Month, Veteran's Day, Education Support Professionals Day, Transgendered Day of Remembrance, International Day of Tolerance, and World Kindness Day,

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

District Safety Committee Proposal* - Dr. Hornak presented a proposal regarding grant funds on behalf of the District Safety Committee. 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 Jones and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the District Safety Committee proposal as presented to approve the installation of the integrated mass communication system in all PK-6 schools as well as contracting with Secure Education Consultants for additional training, site assessments, and school safety support for a not to exceed \$435,600.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Office Update – Jessica Cotter gave a presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. They discussed the EOSP Data Dashboard, 23G Grant update that that Mr. Netzel discussed at last month's meeting sharing that we received 360 responses to the survey that was sent out, and the first read of the updates to the Holt Junior High and Holt High School Course Guides with a second read in December.

HR Report – Erin Quinlan shared the monthly HR Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Mike Dunckel went over the Monthly Financial Packet. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Trustee Perry asked if the FTE number the Board received is accurate in the financials. Mr. Dunckel stated it is very close. We have a couple of additional students than he budgeted.

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 Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary