

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, September 9, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

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

Central Office Team Present: Erin Quinlan, Mike Dunckel, Melissa Stuard, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – We removed item 5.0 Curriculum Report. We may also have Ryan Zoumbaris, Facilities Director come in under item #9 to share details about a few proposals he has on the Regular agenda.

PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIP - Middle School Disney WorldStrides Trip – Tanya Merritt, Ginny Buckley, Amy Vasilion were on hand to share details about their trip request and to answer any questions the Board may have. They provided a presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

President Dalton shared said she had concerns about the trip resulting in the students being out of school for 4 days. She shared she also wondered about the students who do not go and how that impacts their instruction. She is concerned about equity and who is able to get fundraising opportunities up and going. She is wondering about who will be chaperoning the trip and if we have thought about doing the trip during a break. Mrs. Merritt replied the cost is \$1,000 more on the break weeks. President Dalton shared the District is working on a field trip review committee to tackle these sorts of issues. She said she will leave it to the field trip team to work with HR on any staff that would be going and what the cost to the district due to sub costs.

Trustee Robel asked which Hope rep is attending? Mrs. Merritt responded that there is not a Hope representative going on the trip. Bri McPhall is a teacher planning to attend with her own children and she was at Hope, but she is now a teacher at Washington Woods. For teachers who are going as parent volunteers, sub coverage is always paid for by the individual taking the time off out of their personal funds. She also stated they work with HR on that process. The building representatives are being paid to facilitate during the trip. President Dalton responded that with the budget situation and an equitable lens, the District is looking more closely at field trips. We are not saying we are not going to approve it. It is that the new committee will be looking at issues that we have raised here this evening going forward. Mrs. Merritt shared they start looking at the trip in March and will plan to come to the Board at that time prior to that moving forward with communicating about a potential 25-26 trip.

*Requires Board action

SRO REPORT – Deputy Ernst did not prepare a written report this month since school has only been in session for a couple of weeks. He shared highlights around the district from his perspective.

HR REPORT – Erin Quinlan asked if the Board had any questions or concerns about the monthly HR Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

President Dalton asked for Dr. Quinlan to share about the 2 new behavior specialists hired at the Junior High. Melissa Stuard shared that those two positions were hired to support a student who was in an ABA residential program last year and is being transitioned back into school.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT – Melissa Stuard shared highlights from her Student Services Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

Melissa Stuard shared the details about the Dean Transportation debacle related to transportation for our Special Ed students. We had about 40 students impacted the first day of school. This was an IISD problem and there are many schools who are experiencing the same thing. We are still having 8-12 students daily who are not being picked up to get to and from school.

Trustee Perry said that he feels we are owed a better response than the one we have been given. Dr. Hornak said they have been discussing at the Superintendent’s table at IISD and they are coordinating efforts.

President Dalton said she was onsite the first day of school and watched Mrs. Stuard interact with the frustrated parents, and she gave her praise for the way she conducted herself, kept her calm and cool and interacted and worked with the parents. She asked if there were things the Board could do to please let them know.

She also shared that we are bursting at the seams with enrollment of Special Education students. We were predicting a loss, but the enrollments are still coming in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL PACKET – Mike asked if there were any questions regarding his monthly financial packet. A copy of the packet is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

Mr. Dunckel also went over the 2024 School Building/Department Carryover that he is requesting be approved during the Regular meeting.

OTHER – Since there was additional time, we moved a few items to this meeting agenda.

Ryan Zoumaris shared details about three different proposals he has submitted for approval in the regular meeting. He has a proposal for Midway Early Learning Center roof replacement proposal, Washington Woods Building Controls Update proposal, and a Tiny Mobile Robot for the Grounds Department.

Midway Early Learning Center roof proposal – Trustee Perry said he is concerned that the drains were not installed properly. Ryan asked the contractor, and they stated they were installed properly but are no longer viable. Trustee Perry said he is concerned about this. Ryan said he cannot speak to that, but he will say that it is past the lifecycle, and it is critical that they be replaced, which is why he is bringing it forward. Trustee Perry said he is concerned that the drains were installed improperly, and the contractor should have stated that. Ryan said he is not sure who put them in, but he will do some research. Trustee Perry stated he would like him to do that.

Washington Woods Building Controls Update Proposal – Mr. Zoumbaris shared details surrounding the update to the building controls.

Tiny Mobile Robot – There was a discussion during a Building & Grounds Committee about the request to look at this robot. There are a number of schools who are now using it. When he met with the committee there not many schools using it. A soccer field can be painted in 22 minutes. This allows for more precision and reduction of time which would allow our employees to do other things like trim fence lines etc. This would be used for any field that we currently paint.

Trustee Robel asked who will be trained on it. He said he will along with the maintenance and grounds crew members. Trustee Robel asked if there was a cost comparison and Mr. Zoumbaris stated he did include that in the packet. Trustee Jones asked where the funding is coming from for the robot. Mr. Dunckel responded it will come out of the facilities office general fund budget.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary