

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, October 7, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

Present: Jessie Jones, Mark Perry, Kevin Leonard, David Hornak

Absent: Amy Dalton, Jennifer Robel, Marisa Anderson, Robert Halgren

Central Office Team Present: Jessica Cotter, Erin Quinlan, Alexis Regnier, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – We do not have a quorum. Therefore, we are holding a business meeting. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

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

PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIP – There were three overnight trip proposals before the Board.

DECA State Leadership Conference – Jassen Dowling was present to answer questions the Board has regarding the DECA Leadership conference.

International Trip to France – Gretchen Gibbs was present to answer questions the Board has regarding the French trip. During spring break 2025.

Portugal & Spain Language Culture Tour – Karen Holman-Cervera was present to answer questions the Board has regarding the Portugal and Spain language culture trip. During spring break 2025. She realized that she listed what they thought would be during spring break. They will be going during the spring break for 2025.

BOND PARTNERS PRESENTATION – Greg Brand from Granger Construction and Jordan Johnson from GMB presented information to the Board regarding Series 3 updates and SD budget and drawings for Sycamore Elementary.

Trustee Perry asked if there was a color scheme determined. Mr. Johnson shared they would be offering a couple of color schemes to the building team to decide.

Trustee Perry asked if the gymnasium is regulation and Mr. Johnson shared that it is just short. It is also not a place where high school volleyball could not take place. It is not a competition gymnasium. It is a few inches short in clearance for volleyball and a few inches short for basketball.

Trustee Jones asked about the detention pond and asked if there will be standing water. Mr. Johnson replied that if there is a large rain, there will be standing water until the ground has the chance to absorb it. It will be fenced in area.

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Mr. Perry asked if we could continue to explore options. The Elliott detention pond has a fence around it and it looks awful and has overgrown grasses and limbs and looks awful. Greg Brand said they could look at trying to move it further away and maybe widen it out to allow for a shallower area and not having to have a fence so it could be better maintained.

Greg Brand shared his estimate report for Sycamore.

Trustee Perry asked when bid day will be for Sycamore. Mr. Brand responded it will be the beginning of February.

Trustee Jones asked when they were planning on updating the parking lot since it will be shared between Sycamore and Junior High. Mr. Brand stated their plan is to pave it in Summer of 2025.

2023-2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION - Nick Kossaras, Maner Costerisan provided a presentation on the 2023-2024 audited financials for Holt Public.

Trustee Perry shared that he wanted to highlight that Holt Public spent the ESSER funds and did not pocket the funds. They were spent as intended on extra student services, mental health and support services.

MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY - Proposed Amendments – MASB Delegate, Jessie Jones wanted to share information with the Board regarding the upcoming MASB delegate assembly. She will be attending and will cast votes for the proposed amendments. She highlighted the changes and asked for the Board to reach out to her if they have any questions or wish to provide input.

Trustee Perry said that he wonders if Education has a seat at the table as there is plenty of talk, but no one is writing checks to make the improvements that are needed. He feels there needs to be more muscle to help us get the funding to make the improvements.

SRO REPORT – Deputy Ernst shared highlights from his monthly SRO report.

HR REPORT- Erin Quinlan asked if there were any questions regarding her monthly HR Report.

She also wanted to provide the Board with a proposed Non-Bargaining (GSRP) Rate Adjustment that she is seeking approval on in the Regular meeting.

CURRICULUM REPORT – Jessica Cotter provided a curriculum report presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s office.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT – Melissa Stuard was unable to attend. Dr. Hornak shared an update on the Dean Transportation issues for Spec. Ed. transportation. Melissa met with Kelly Dean and he offered to write a check to help pay for the gas cards for families.

Dr. Halgren joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICE UPDATE – Teryn Henderson was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Hornak asked if the Board had any questions regarding her report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL PACKET – This item was moved to the Regular Meeting agenda.

OTHER – There were no other items to discuss.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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