

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

**Monday, December 9, 2024 - 7:00 P.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, Erin Quinlan, Teryn Henderson, Mike Dunckel, Melissa Stuard, Christine Lopez

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

Dr. Hornak gave opening statement. He wanted to take time to highlight and celebrate all the incredible things happening across the district. From classroom achievements to community initiatives. There is much to be proud of at Holt Public.

Our students continue to excel in a variety of areas. Whether it's in academics, sports, music, or the arts, we see our students thriving. Recently, he attended the Holt High School production of Cinderella. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff!

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our community members. From volunteering at school events to participating in our Pop-up Pantry call for holiday food items, your involvement plays a huge role in our students' success. This year, we provided 70-holiday meals and over the course of the last ten years, our students have provided over 700-holiday meals to members of our learning community!

We want to recognize the incredible dedication of our teachers and staff. Their passion for education is making a profound impact on our students every day. Last week, Lucas Schrauben attended the National CTE Conference, where he was a finalist for National CTE Administrator of the Year. He is just one example of the amazing work happening in our learning community!

As we move forward, we will experience even more exciting things in 2025! We look forward to continuing this journey together and celebrating many more accomplishments along the way. He wanted to thank everyone for being a part of our school district family. Together, we are building a brighter future for every student.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – There were the following changes to the agenda. Moved item 8.2.3 up on the agenda to just after item 3.1 Student Spotlight agenda item. We will be removing items 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 9.1 as they were covered in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT** - Cast, Crew, and Advisors from the HHS Production of Cinderella. Had 60 students involved and the most technical program. Cinderella had 1646 patrons in attendance over the two-weekend run. This is the most in the history of the school. Students and advisors from the production were on hand and sang a song from the production. It was amazing!

**Second Read Weighted GPA\*** - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Perry to approve adding a weighted GPA to High School transcripts. The weighted GPA will be calculated using the criteria provided by the Curriculum Office on November 11, 2024, and will not be used for other Holt Public Schools purposes such as Top Ten, 3.5 Awards, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, etc. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Scott House – Thank you for all you do. I want to begin by sharing how awesome it was to hear the students from Cinderella sing tonight. I came here as a parent to support the weighted GPA issue. I appreciate your support of this.

Jim Hafke – I have emailed all of you my position on the weighted GPA issue. Thank you for what you just did. I'm here as a parent, long-time member of the Holt Community and volunteer coach. I became passionate about this issue because of something that happened to my son. As a coach I also interact with many students and families who cannot afford to not have a weighted GPA. By your action a lot of young people in our community will have an easier and more affordable option for going to college. Thank you.

Kristy Taylor – Parent, Substitute Teacher and Environmental Outreach coordinator. I am here to thank you for your support of the high school nest box project which went installed last year. I also want to give you information on the health and productivity of our natural spaces. I would love to see Michigan native trees, wildflowers and shrubs planted at our new buildings. They can be supported by grants. The gardens provide classroom learning environments. Thank you.

Richard Runnels – I live on Jarvis Hwy. There is no shoulder whatsoever. Two years ago, I witnessed a bus almost lose it and told the director they were running way too fast. I saw a bus going at least 50 miles per hour. We cannot post a speed limit sign of 25 mph due to the lack of driveways. He would like to have HPS address this and make the buses slow down on Jarvis. He feels 25 mph is even too fast on Jarvis. He is hoping you can address this. It is too fast, and I don't want to see anyone hurt.

Ella Reaves – I prepared a speech on weighted GPAs. Students at HPS are all positively impacted by this decision. Thank you for what you did tonight.

Mark Sandberg - I also prepared a speech. Thank you for making the change. For my daughter it is an extra \$12,000 and I appreciate what you did tonight.

Lucy Prush - I would like to say we should use the weighted GPA for Top 10, valedictorian, salutatorian and I don't think it is fair that we have less challenging course work and be weighted the same as gen-ed / easy class work.

Jacqueline Wood – I am not here for weighted GPA. I am a community member. I was a school board member for 21 years. It took a lot to come here tonight. I have had a lot of negative experiences over the

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past few years. I have been denied access the last couple of years in school buildings and have been told I could not bring visitors in because they were getting ready to open. This year I wanted to bring a Japanese delegation, we met with mayors, and the governor. I was told we would not be able to visit without a background check. I think this is interesting since I came to the play and there are no background checks. I called Wilcox and Traci was wonderful there. I have a class from the Class of 1965. They want to come on a Friday when there are no students present. I set up a zoom for with a Finnish company to incorporate STEM and wanted to do a Zoom call. I called the Superintendent's Office, and they referred me to Curriculum. No one called me back. This was a lost opportunity.

President Dalton stated that she would like to connect with Ms. Wood to make sure we connect on the issues you are bringing forward.

**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 11, 2024\*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2024\*

Reschedule the July 14, 2025, Board Meeting to July 7, 2025\*

Donations - Kroger Community Rewards - \$1,307.95\*

Approval of Bills Paid\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

## REPORTS

Student Representative Reports –Junior Representative, Maleek Samit reported that things are going well. Students are starting to worry about exams.

Mark Perry, CIC Committee Meeting – Chairperson Perry shared an overview of the recent CIC meeting. They reviewed the DD drawings and estimate that the Board is being asked to approve this evening. He also gave an update on the contingency for Horizon. There was some leftover, but it is being allocated to remaining HVAC projects. The contingency for Dimondale is doing well.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee, Due Process Hearings – Students D, G\*- Chairperson Robel shared that we recently held due process hearings, and she shared the unanimous recommendations from the Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the recommendation for Student D. Motion carried.

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Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak shared highlights from his monthly Superintendent's Report.

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President's Report – wanted to say how wonderful it was to have the students from Cinderella here to perform a song for us. President Dalton highlighted the Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events for the month of December. They include Universal Human Rights Month, HIV Awareness Month, World Aids Day, United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities, International Volunteer Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, International Genocide Awareness Day, International Human Rights Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Years Eve.

#### **WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trip - HHS Lacrosse Team Trip to Camp Grayling for Lacrosse Games\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Lacrosse Team Trip to Camp Grayling as presented. Motion carried.

#### **DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Curriculum Office Update – Jessica Cotter provided a presentation on the Curriculum Office Updates. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Second Read 25-26 HJH Course Guide\* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the 25-26 Holt Junior High Course Guide as presented. Motion carried.

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Learning Management System Purchase\* - This program will be paid for out of at-risk grant funds.

Trustee Perry wanted to be sure nothing was moved from at risk grants funds to the general fund. Jessica responded that was correct. She had a position that was not filled and that will support the funding of this program.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the Learning Management System purchase in the amount of \$80,937.50. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Dimondale – Rentacrate Agreement\* - Mr. Dunckel shared details earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the Rentacrate agreement as presented in the amount of \$ 33,625.

Series 3 Sycamore DD Drawings and Estimate\* - Representatives from GMB and Granger presented the DD Drawings and Estimate early during Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Trustee Leonard wanted to be sure we can modify the design. Trustee Perry stated that we can approve and make the modifications. There is still time for that. Dr. Horak sent an email to GMB bond partners to make the modifications identified. The retention pond is another item on top of the parking lot issues the Board identified. Dr. Hornak will be meeting with the team in the morning and will address these items.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the Series 3 Sycamore DD Drawings and Estimate as presented. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Trustee Robel said that if a student is struggling in an AP class and it is causing a mental health strain, we support a student getting out of that class.

President Dalton wanted to point out that in the student handbook on pages 27 & 28 there is the information for academic Top Ten criteria for the students who are concerned about this process.

**NEW BUSINESS** – There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT\*** - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.