

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 3, 2022 - 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mark Perry, Amy Dalton, Jessie Jones, Robert Halgren, Jennifer Robel, David Hornak

Absent: Marisa Anderson, Kevin Leonard

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

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH E3 GRANT – Heather Findley, Director of Mental Health Services and Kellie Haynie-Urech, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Child and Family Charities presented the E 3 Grant information and gave an update on the progress so far. The program was launched last week, and we have already received 67 referrals for students to receive counseling. Students 11-17 (check age with Fin) can receive up to 12 sessions without parent consent. The grant requires Board approval for the counseling clinic and minor consent. Those who do not have insurance can still fully access the resources.

President Perry asked about minor consent and how billing works. The insurance is not billed for minor consent situations. The services are provided free of charge.

Is the grant multi-year? Yes. It is a three-year grant.

Do we have a dedicated therapist to HPS? Yes. She is employed through Child and Family Charities but dedicated to Holt Public. If we have a greater demand, there will be referral services and will work closely with school social workers and other local counseling services.

OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIP REQUESTS

GERMAN TRIP REQUEST – German teacher, Janine Baker was on hand to go over the request to take German students on a spring break trip to Germany.

Trustee Halgren asked if there were any major changes. Frau Baker stated there are relaxed requirements if someone was to test positive for COVID. They would not have to remain for 10 days.

Are there any changes due to the war in Ukraine? They went on the trip right after the war broke out. There are safeguards but nothing new in place.

Trustee Dalton asked about the daily agenda. Frau Baker stated she would send us the agenda. Christine will forward along to the Board.

WRESTLING TRIP REQUEST – Wrestling Coach, Stan Granger and Athletic Director, Chris Bishop were on hand to go over the request for the wrestlers to attend an out of state wrestling tournament.

Trustee Robel asked if there would be background checks for any parents who would be driving another student other than their own child. Coach Granger said he did not plan on that.

MONTHLY HR PRESENTATION – Erin Quinlan asked if the Board had any questions or concerns regarding the monthly HR report.

Still working on two certified science teaching staff at the junior high and the high school.

HR is also preparing for open enrollment and working on certifications of staff.

MONTHLY OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION PRESENTATION – Matt Morales shared a couple points of pride. The Junior High received a grant in support of our LGBTQIA+ community and help grow our GSA program there. Matt, Heather, and some teachers from the junior high went to some training to help. We were recently contacted by MOASH to and offered us another grant for the high school level. Therefore, we will have support for the HHS GSA program as well. The grant will also provide LGBTQIA+ books. We will also have attendees at the 9th annual LGBTQ summit on May 5th. We will partner with Ingham County and provide our students with some excellent opportunities.

Matt highlighted Hispanic Heritage Month and shared a testimony from a student who is Lantinx and it was a beautiful reflection about their pride in their culture and identity.

CLOSED SESSION* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Dalton and supported by Trustee Halgren for the Board to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268, Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss bargaining unit contract negotiations.

Roll Call:

Perry – Yes

Dalton – Yes

Jones – Yes

Halgren – Yes

Anderson – Absent

Leonard – Absent

Robel – Yes

Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 6:04 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel for the Board to return to open session. Motion carried unanimous consent. The Board returned to open session at 6:26 p.m.

OTHER – Given extra time. We moved the CIC update, Policy Committee update, Superintendent’s Report and SRO Report to the COW meeting agenda.

CIC UPDATE - Phase 1 bad news is on Midway the playground equipment was not ordered so will not be in until sometime in January. Some classroom renovations were still on-going but have now stopped with students/children in the building. At Wilcox and Elliott construction has slowed as well given students are back in the buildings. At Wilcox there is a backorder on the steel, so this has also slowed construction. Elliott the goal is to get it winterized. They will also be doing classrooms two at a time and renovate and then move on to the next two and so on. They want to get much of the work done in the summer.

Trustee Jones said that she is hearing that the slow downs and back order information is not trickling down to the Admin at the buildings. President Perry stated they do a walk through at the construction sites each Friday and the administrators are

Phase 2 – Dimondale and Horizon are still in design and development to get the \$1.2 million overage. Some of the square footage is being reduced and redesigned to help meet the committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE – We met recently to make sure our policy, administrative guideline, and school handbooks are in alignment. We know there needs to be adjustments and will be working on that.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Hornak gave his update given there is still time for the COW. He provides similar data points each month. He said we continue to struggle with supply/chain issues. We are working with our families to fill out their free/reduced lunch applications. We ran a contest giveaway last month to help us get in the applications. We can roll forward families who were free and reduced last semester for a couple of months as still begin free/reduced, but they must apply each year. If they do not submit the paperwork they eventually will get charged. However, as soon as they submit the paperwork it removes the charges.

We still have 18 open positions. We have enrolled over 700 new students this year. We are also up about 80 students over what we planned/budgeted. We will be submitted applications for grant funds through the State for student mental health and student safety.

We still have COVID and continue to support our learning community. We continue to keep our dashboard up to date on COVID across the district. We are continuing to send home information to the elementary families.

Annual bullying presentation – Dr. Hornak shared a report on our numbers. There is a policy on bullying. We have had a strong response to the increase by hiring nurses, RJ facilitators, Deans of Students, adopted the EOSP, district-wide professional development across the district. Provided LGBTQIA+ training to our staff across the district. 41% of LGBTQIA+ report being bullied at school. Created a dashboard that will be kept updated. The numbers of staff who have been trained in Student Mental Health First Aid are also noted on the dashboard.

SRO Report -Given the extra time, we also had Deputy Jordan provide her monthly SRO report.

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 Jones to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary