

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, August 14, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Amy Dalton

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

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – Vice President, Jennifer Robel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

BOND PARTNER UPDATE - Greg Brand from Granger and Andy Mcleod from GMB presented the Dimondale Elementary Schematic Design (SD) drawing review and SD estimate review. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Trustee Robel asked if the sinks being in with the toilets is a State issue or local. Andy replied it is a State mandate.

Trustee Perry asked what the current bus lane configuration number is. Greg said it is currently 50 and is going up to 72 with the anticipation of 5th grade returning.

Trustee Perry asked about deceleration parking. Andy said it is not required and believes we could do without it.

There was a question about Sycamore being the same design as Dimondale. Greg and Andy stated that the Sycamore building design team will be given a "bucket of parts" for them to choose from so there is equity with the new buildings. Trustee Robel asked if Sycamore employees serve on the design team. Andy replied, "No". Trustee Robel then replied "Yes".

PROPOSALS FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIPS

HHS Marching Band Trip to University of Cincinnati and Kings Island – Mike Emerson was on hand to share information and answer questions regarding his overnight trip request for the Band. Mr. Emerson stated he did not include the amount of the trip. The cost is \$685 per student. He also stated that originally, they had planned to go to the University of Cincinnati. Due to the Band Director's lack of availability they will be going to Xavier University instead.

HHS Boys Varsity Tennis Trip to Traverse City – Russ Olcheske was on hand to share information and answer questions regarding his overnight trip request for Boys Tennis. Coach Olcheske stated that it is his understanding that all parents are going and will reside with their student/athlete. Should this not be the case the student would stay in a student room. They are staying in Cadillac for cost purposes. It is cheaper.

Trustee Robel asked for the name of the hotel. Coach Olcheske said he will get the name to Mrs. Lopez. The Booster rep set up the hotel. Mr. Olcheske texted Mrs. Lopez shortly after he left the meeting to share, they are staying at the Comfort Inn in Cadillac.

Trustee Jones said the question about how they would handle it if a student could not afford the trip and his response was this has never been an issue. They would find a way to make it work if there was ever an issue.

PO 3112/4112 POLICY DISCUSSION – Policy Chairperson, Jessie Jones shared the Policy Committee recently met and drafted changes to our current policy PO3112 and PO4112 Board-Staff Communications.

Trustee Perry asked if NEOLA looks at these changes? Trustee Jones stated it is not a required policy.

Trustee Robel stated she is good with it and there will be a co-signed letter sent out regarding the policy so there are not more issues moving forward.

Trustee Robel asked if this was the first reading. In the regular meeting we would need a motion to waive second reading and they could adopt he suggested changes at the meeting this evening.

CIC / FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS – CIC and Finance Committee Chairperson, Mark Perry shared that the committees recently met. He stated there is an overage of 11 million without the secondary buildings. He is asking the board to wrap the head around if the elementary buildings are the priority, something else would have to give. The out would be to go out our public for a supplemental bond. If this happens, we will put it on the ballot in February 2024. If the public said no to that we would have another opportunity to put it out for a vote one more time. With the buildings we are currently planning we are having to cut corners. We could explain the situation to our public who really want to see us have updates as proposed prior to COVID. Inflation went up significantly. The taxable value is going up as well. We will be asking specific questions to the public about what they want. We have aging facilities, opportunities for geo-thermal options for the environment etc. If we get the folks who want to say yes to this, to come out and vote. We are working with Byrum & Fisk on a communication plan for our public.

Finance Meeting – CEP discussion. They met and the committee felt the risk of the government pulling it away is small and even if so, the cost would be something the committee members felt could be handled at the district to be sure our students are fed.

CENTRAL OFFICE PRESENTATIONS

HR Monthly Report – Dr. Quinlan asked if the Board had any questions regarding the monthly HR Report. Trustee Jones asked many open teaching positions to we have open? We are doing very well. All are filled or in the process of being filled.

Non-bargaining Rate Adjustment – Dr. Quinlan shared that she submitted a Board packet for a non-bargaining unit.

Trustee Robel stated she had an idea about adopting the proposal tonight and do a apples to apples comparison with other districts in the area and propose another increase on January 1 based on the research.

There was some work done in the spring, we are split some HPS and some third-party. She also is suggesting some roles and responsibilities changes to the positions as well.

Curriculum Office Presentation – Mrs. Cotter gave a presentation of the Curriculum Office updates this month. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

President Perry asked about seniors and what we have in summer programming to keep them graduating on time. Mrs. Cotter went through the types of learning supports we have built in as well as credit recovery interventions available to help seniors.

Trustee Halgren asked what the metrics are for the monthly reporting. Attendance is an area we will be tracking and hoping that we can work on relationships and improvement of attendance. Also looking at school culture survey.

Trustee Anderson asked that we are conscious about working with parents to assist with any barriers that might exist to getting their students to school.

Finance Presentation – Mr. Dunkel’s financial presentation will take place in the regular meeting due to the lack of time.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was new business.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary