

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, October 16, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Hornak gave opening statements. He stated there was a serious accident last week involving a student and our bus. The student sustained serious injuries. The District opened an investigation. He asked for everyone to keep all involved in their thoughts. He also highlighted OKAY2SAY and the HPS Tip hotline. Safety and Security is our main priority.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no changes

STAFF SPOTLIGHT – Lucas Schrauben came to introduce Jassen Dowling, HHS Business Teacher – 2023 International Blue Ocean Teacher Champion Award. He shared a quote from the book “Drive”. Fixed vs. Growth mindset. Jassen Dowling is someone with a Growth Mindset. He has been a CTE and Business teacher since 1996. He is a teacher, coach, DJ, DECA advisor, pillar in our learning community. He taught in Maple Valley for 23 years before joining Holt Public. He is a caring and compassionate educator. You often see him at many after school activities supporting and helping students find joy. Lucas outlined what the Blue Ocean Entrepreneur is about. It is an international competition. The schools Virginia, Colorado, Indiana, New York, Florida, Panama, Denmark, Kenya, and Holt Public Schools. Jassen Dowling was named a Champion Teacher.

Mr. Dowling said he shares this award with so many others. They won the touch screen TV on the cart. He includes this competition as part of his curriculum. He encourages his students to enter the entrepreneur competition and they can win money and scholarships. He is inspired by his students.

President Dalton gave him much praise. We are grateful for his leadership and service.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lolie, from Buddy’s Pals – They provide educational comfort dogs. They have handlers that go into the school. There are 60 plus teams through Buddy’s Pals. The help build student confidence. The program is an enhancement to what HPS already offers. It is an additional tool in the toolbox. Haslett, DeWitt, Bath, Williamston all utilize comfort dogs. They were recently in Haslett. The Superintendent reached out and asked them to bring all their dogs. High School students and elementary kids benefit. Dogs help with reading and math. They can be used in many ways. They benefit everyone.

Jennifer Good - Teacher at Holt for 26 years. Most years at Midway and she brought a dog with her for many years. When she retired she went to Buddy's Pals. Her dog still goes to Sparrow Hospital. She has firsthand experience and has taken dogs into classrooms for 30 years. She cannot stress enough how much she believes in this program.

Jenny Baker – Sycamore parent. She thanked Dr. Halgren for coming out. She appreciates how much improvement has been done since then. There is a door that does not latch properly. Staff and others have said this has been an issue for many months. She and others say they have reached out to Rick Brown regarding this door not latching. She stated he has not responded. As parents, we are happy to help. Another issue is Mrs. Spalding's classroom – the sink sprays all over the floor in that room.

Erin Beaubien – Parent from Sycamore. Her daughter is excited to go to recess. She thanked the team for getting the playground in order. She likes seeing the issues are being taken seriously. She and other parents are more than willing to assist. She did say that she can attest the door is difficult. They are organizing a Trunk or Treat after school on Friday at 6 p.m. to help. No costumes necessary. Candy donations can be dropped off at the main office.

Amanda Theuerkorn and Melissa Smith, Deans of Students in HPS – They are here to support HPS working with Buddy's Pals. The organization shares the presence of dogs in school settings that provide comfort, companionship and promote social interaction and activity in a school setting. It also teaches responsibilities. Melissa said Buddies Pals has their own insurance and an intensive training process. It is a certification process and they ensure that it is safe for all.

Kendra Shaft Klier – She is Rocky Shaft's daughter and here to support Buddy's Pals. She stated her mother and her dad's dog are also present for the meeting to offer support for Buddy's Pals.

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 September 11, 2023*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 5, 2023*

Approval of Bills Paid*

Gifts*

Crayola - \$1,000 in Crayola Products to Elliott Integrated Arts Program*

Walmart - \$1,000 to Elliott Integrated Arts program*

Trustee Perry asked if we had roll call votes in the Special Meeting of October 5th. Christine Lopez stated we did not. There was not a request for one. However, when the vote was called one of the trustees stated afterwards that they abstained from the vote.

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

REPORTS

Student Representative Report – Ja'Nyia Lawson-James was absent with advance notice.

Our new Junior Student Representative, Jake Gillentine joined us for his first meeting. He stated he is excited to be representing the students at HHS and looks forward to working with the Board.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee Update
Due Process Hearings for Students A, B, C*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the committee's recommendation of long-term suspension of 40 days for Student A. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the committee's recommendation of expulsion of 65 days for Student B. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the committee's recommendation of long-term suspension of 52 days for Student C. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak gave highlights from the Superintendent's Report earlier during the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Amy Dalton, Curriculum Committee Update – President Dalton shared highlights from the Curriculum Committee meeting earlier during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

President's Report – President Dalton shared her report along with Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events for the month of October include earlier during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SRO Report – Deputy Ernst provided highlights from his SRO Report earlier during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

HHS Varsity Softball Spring Trip* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Varsity Softball Spring Trip. Motion carried.

HHS Varsity Baseball Spring Trip* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Varsity Baseball Spring Trip.

It was requested to be sure we have the address before they travel. Motion carried.

Midway Early Learning Center Front Entrance Enhancement Proposal* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the set-aside of \$25,000 to be used for MELC Front Entrance Enhancement. Motion carried.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Office Update – Jessica Cotter and Steve Netzel presented the Curriculum Office updates earlier during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Steve Netzel shared information regarding a grant application for 23G. Steve sent parents in the District an email inviting them to provide feedback on their input on how the funds should be spent. In addition, he sought feedback from those in attendance via public comment related to the 23G Funds.

Public Comment regarding potential uses of 23G Grant Funds –

Lolie, support your teachers by getting comfort dogs.

Jenny Baker, comfort dogs and she saw firsthand in GSRP how amazing it was to have them.

Marisa Anderson - Summer Programing

Jennifer Robel - Math Specialist, Summer programming,

Amanda Theuerkorn - support during breaks

Robert Halgren encouraged those watching at home to fill out the survey

HR Report – Erin Quinlan presented the HR Report update in the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Mike Dunckel presented the monthly financial update.

Approval of Committed Funds for Sycamore Lead Paint Removal/Encapsulation* - Mike Dunckel provided a report on lead paint that had been identified at Sycamore Elementary. He was seeking support for a committal of funds for removal and encapsulation of the paint. The work will be completed by Green for Lift and Environmental Resources Group. A copy of the report and quotes are on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the removal and encapsulating plan as presented in the amount of \$30,810.00. This amount includes a 20% contingency.

Dr. Halgen wanted to thank Rick Brown for getting it addressed.

Motion carried.

Accept the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to accept the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Motion carried.

The trustees commended the Finance team on such a great audit 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 Robel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary