

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, November 13, 2023 – 5:30 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, Mike Dunckel, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Christine Lopez, Carrie Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Add item 4 to the agenda to hear from our bond partners. Also, under New Business Trustee Perry will provide an update on Elliott flooring. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

BOND PARTNER PRESENTATION – Andy McCleod from GMB presented the new Dimondale Elementary School Design Development Drawings to the Board.

Trustee Perry asked about the \$100,000 in cost reductions they discussed in the CIC meeting. Mr. McCleod said they had handed some of the work off to the Village of Dimondale and that will help, and they have consistently been looking for cost reductions.

The Board will be voting to approve the drawing and estimate in the Regular meeting.

Trustee Robel asked if the plugs that were discussed were looked at for elimination. Mr. McCleod stated it was not an option. He felt Granger made a mistake when they stated it could be considered. These are necessary and not frivolous. Trustee Robel said it was stated at the CIC that there would be a plug in the hall for the custodian to plug in a vacuum and that does not seem like a necessary plug. Mr. McCleod stated that is not what the plugs are being added for. He stated that there will be approximately two on a wall and this is standard.

President Dalton asked if this is more than what we started with. He stated it is, that it was priced wrong. Trustee Robel stated there have been many other situations where the bond partners state they have priced it wrong.

President Dalton stated if the Board members need more time to review, there is a need for a special meeting, yet this week and we can take it up at that meeting. They have a deadline of mid-January.

PROPOSALS FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIPS

HHS Wrestling – Trip to North Canton Holiday Wrestling Tournament – Coach, Stan Granger and Athletic Director, Chris Bishop were on hand to answer questions about proposal he submitted for the HHS Wrestling trip to North Canton.

Coach Granger said this is an event they have participated in for the past 25 years. They are still working on the roster of the athletes who will be attending. This will only be the boy's team for this tournament. Ohio does not yet have girl's wrestling. The Boosters will be funding the trip.

President Dalton stated that when there are donations given to a program, the Board should be sure that if this is more than \$500 it should be submitted under "gifts" on the next agenda. This has to do with Title IX and that the girl's and boy's programs are equal. This is a federal requirement. Coach Granger stated he wishes there were a tournament for them to take them to. Holt Public is leading the way with the girl's program. We have 14 to 20 girls with a full schedule for them. He feels they have done everything they can to support the girl's program. With them being one of the first to have a girls' team, it makes it difficult to provide them the same opportunity.

President Dalton stated that moving forward, we want to be mindful and be sure the money spent is being submitted to the Board for approval. Coach Granger said he understands.

Trustee Robel asked if they have the address where they will be staying. Coach Granger stated he did not have it on him but would send it to Mrs. Lopez.

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

The Board entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:18 p.m.

Trustee Perry gave an update on the CIC Committee meeting and that we are now over \$6 million on the Dimondale project. He walked through all the increases we have had on the bond work. If we go for a supplemental bond and it does not pass, where does that leave us? The biggest project left would be the junior high, which needs a lot of work. We need to be fair to Washington Woods. This then leaves the North and Main campuses of the High School. This is where we are headed. We need to find other cuts unless we go after a supplemental bond. We would ask in May 2024. If it does not pass, then we have decision to make.

We asked Granger to give us an update to our original plans and it as \$21.4 mil over. There are other ways of funding, cuts, etc. that can be considered. The other thing to be considered is our enrollment. We just passed the minimum enrollment at the junior high the last round. There may be some consideration for redistricting. There is a lot up in the air. He asked for the other trustees to raise any questions, ideas, concerns.

Trustee Halgren asked if we should consider not building the new Sycamore and redistribute the students to the other four elementary schools.

Dr. Hornak said that our elementary enrollment is increasing. The kindergarten class this year is the same number as our graduating class.

If we closed Sycamore could we fit everyone across the district? Dr. Hornak said he would have to look at it to see. He does not think so. He has heard we have some new home builds starting as well.

Trustee Perry stated the biggest underutilized building is the junior high.

Trustee Halgren stated he is in favor of asking for the supplemental bond.

Trustee Perry feels there is a lot of value in asking for the bond. There needs to be attractive items on the supplemental bond such as things for the arts and athletics. He also said they are getting very frustrated with the bond partners. We need to get finished projects and that is not happening.

Trustee Perry also wanted to discuss the set-aside funds to assist with the bond shortages. He showed photos of the current flooring at Elliott. It is in rough shape. He also showed some renderings of flooring options to use the committed funds to purchase the flooring. The flooring is a hybrid tile flooring that is a vinyl product. If the Board approves this in the regular meeting this evening, it could be installed over the holiday break.

Trustee Anderson asked if the old floor could be ground down and refinished. Trustee Perry stated they tried that in one area, and it did not go well.

DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION – Dr. Hornak presented a proposal on how to spend the grant funds for district safety on behalf of the District Safety Committee. A copy of the proposal is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office. The Board approved a project for mass communications program over the summer. They asked for our team to bring back a plan for integrated communications to all buildings and price out if you leave one building out and two buildings out. We have also learned that the hardware can be removed from a building and placed in a new building. This is what he is sharing this evening. Everything being proposed will come from 31AA grant funds.

Trustee Halgren asked if the funding is one-time. Dr. Hornak stated it is likely that the grant programs will continue. The integrated systems will alert visually and with an audible sound.

TRUSTEE JONES, POLICY FALL UPDATE SUMMARY – Policy Committee Chairperson, Jessie Jones went through the proposed policy language changes for the NEOLA fall update. The committee recently met with our NEOLA Representative, Patrick Kreger.

PO 1540 Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls – This is a new policy.

Trustee Halgren wanted to suggest using more inclusive language. Chairperson Jones stated NEOLA will update language as updates are made to current policies as a rule.

PO 2370.01 Online/Blended Learning Program - The update for this policy is to align with State law.

PO 5771 Search and Seizure - The update for this policy was based on some concerns raised regarding the policy.

PO 7217 Weapons - The update for this policy is to align with Michigan Supreme Court decisions.

The remaining policies updates and other agenda items listed below will be covered in the regular meeting since we ran out of time:

- PO 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- PO 8390 September 2023 Revised Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- PO 8305 Information Security
- PO 8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- PO 9700 Relations with Special Interest Groups
- HR MONTHLY REPORT
- CURRICULUM OFFICE UPDATE
- FINANCE PRESENTATION

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. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary