

## **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, February 12, 2024 - 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, Melissa Stuard, 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 addition to the agenda.

**PROPOSALS FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIPS-** HHS DECA State Conference – Jassen Dowling, Jeff Shane – They shared details about the upcoming trip with the Board. A copy of the request form is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office. They do not yet have the hotel finalized. DECA picks from one of three hotels.

HHS HOSA State Leadership Conference – Allison Ferris – She shared details about the upcoming trip with the Board. She shared that there are 5 students going. The permission slip will state that students must provide their own transportation and overnight accommodations. A copy of the request form is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

**BOND PARTNER UPDATE – GMB, GRANGER** – Andy McLeod from GMB and Greg Brand from Granger were on hand to update the Board on the Dimondale site plan.

Mr. McLeod shared the design drawings of the new Dimondale Elementary school.

**POLICY UPDATES** – Policy Committee Chairperson, Jessie Jones shared information about the policy updates the Board will be voting on this evening. The changes are due to legislative changes made to the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) as well as related changes to the Revised School Code (RSC).

Trustee Robel had pre-arranged to leave the meeting early. She left at 6:04 p.m.

Trustee Perry shared some thoughts and questions related to the updated policies. He feels the language could be better written. Trustee Jones explained they were vetted and written by NEOLA first and then Thrun provided additional updates to better align the language with our contracts.

**HR MONTHLY REPORT-** Dr. Quinlan had prior arrangements to miss the meeting. Dr. Hornak asked if the Board had any questions relating to the submitted monthly HR Report. There were no questions.

**SRO REPORT-** Deputy Ernst was on hand to share details from his December and January SRO Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Trustee Perry stated the Board will be looking to adopt a resolution on Secure Firearms Storage. He asked if the ICSO could assist with that. Deputy Ernst stated that the ICSO does offer free gun locks for citizens who come into the office. He stated that there is a good faith effort on how to install the gun locks properly and effectively as many people do not know how to properly use them.

Trustee Perry asked if there was a way that parents might be able to come to the school to get a gun lock. Deputy Ernst stated he is always happy to offer any type of education.

President Dalton asked if Deputy Ernst would include the amount of time spent in each building on his reports going forward. He said he thought he had done that, and he already submits this information to his lieutenant and will happily add this information.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT-** Mike Dunckel share a presentation on the Monthly HR Report, Special Bond Election Resolution, and New Bus Purchase that the Board will be voting on during the regular meeting. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Dunckel shared that he would like to see us increase our fund balance.

Trustee Perry asked if the \$1.2 million budget deficit is budgeted. He wants to know if we are saying worse case scenario is \$1.2 million. Mike said that he and Alexis are looking at 24-25 now as well. We discuss in SAC. They are doing some budget cuts to help.

Trustee Perry asked when is the next sale of the bond? Mike responded he thought 2025.

Mr. Dunckel said he will be asking for an approval of a bus purchase tonight. We put it off, but we really need to purchase a bus as we have one bus that is always in the shop and it is currently in need of \$12,000 in repairs. Therefore, he will be asking for approval to purchase a new bus to keep us from continuing to pour money into the old bus.

**OTHER-** President Dalton shared that the Board will be looking at a drafted resolution for adoption during the regular meeting regarding Safe Firearms Storage. It will be asking the Superintendent to add language to student handbooks.

President Perry feels we may get some pushback from parents.

Trustee Anderson said she would also like to see options for safe gun storage options as well. She is familiar with this through her work in Foster Care. It is an issue with families not being able to purchase safety equipment.

**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 Perry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary