

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

**Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Absent:** Jennifer Robel

**Central Office Team Present:** Jessica Cotter, Mike Dunckel, Melissa Stuard, Christine Lopez

**CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement** – The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Dr. Hornak shared some opening comments. February is Black History Month. It provides an invaluable opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage, remarkable achievements, and enduring resilience of the Black community. Fostering civility and mutual respect is crucial for creating inclusive and harmonious societies.

Dr. Hornak shared an update on the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion search. He shared that 110 people applied for the vacancy. The final round of interviews conducted in late February with the hope that we will be able to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

He also shared that the District is actively researching the impact of a weighted GPA and have reached out to a variety of Michigan colleges and universities as well as the Coalition for College. While we are still gathering information, it is clear that every higher educational institution handles weighted GPAs differently as is also the case for each high school.

Finally, he wanted to share that we are nearing substantial completion of our series I renovations and remain on schedule at Horizon. The Board will receive bids for the Dimondale project at the end of the month.

Dr. Hornak requested a moment of reflection and silence to honor the lives lost and in observance of the one-year anniversary of the tragic shooting at Michigan State University.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – We will strike number 8. SRO Report, 10. HR Report, 11.1, Monthly Finance Report, and 11.5 which was added by mistake and already on the agenda as 11.2

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**STAFF SPOLTIGHT – TRACI HEUHS, 2023 MEMPSA REGIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR** – Dr. Hornak introduced Principal Heuhs and the recognition she recently received by MEMPSA. President Dalton shared her appreciation as her children attended there when they moved from out of state and had a wonderful experience while at Wilcox.

\*Requires Board action

Trustee Jones shared that for the first time in 10 years, she does not have a child attending and shared about the wonderful experiences her children and family had as part of the Wilcox family. She shared the recognition of Principal Heuhs is well deserved.

**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 January 8, 2024\*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2024\*

Minutes of the Special Meeting – MLK Board/Admin Workshop of January 15, 2024\*

Approval of Bills Paid\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the consent agenda items with the exception of pulling 5.4 - Gifts to vote on separately. Motion carried.

Gifts - Michael Clark, Donation to HHS Track & Field Improvements in the amount of \$29,036.20\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Leonard to accept the donation to be restricted in our fund balance.

## REPORTS

Student Reports – Ja’Nyia Lawson-James shared that second semester is going great. With Black History Month, many teachers are doing special projects related to Black History Month and the students really appreciate it. She also shared they had a great Winterfest dance recently and everyone is looking forward to the Midwinter Break.

Mark Perry, CIC Committee Meeting – They met recently and discussed the updated drawings for Dimondale and the site plans and discovered that there was three acres of property missing on the survey. The playgrounds as they were laid out will be reviewed again taking the additional acreage into consideration. They also discussed the weather structure at Midway. What was constructed does not meet the District’s needs so they asked the bond partners for other options. The Board approved \$25,000 to update the area near the entrances and enclosures at Midway and Elliott. They received an invoice for \$29,000. They looked at the invoice and found there some work included that happened at other buildings. They will get an updated invoice.

Kevin Leonard, DEI Committee Meeting – Had a quick meeting this past Friday. 110 applications and narrowed it down to 7 that the DEI Committee will narrow to a top 3 for interviews at the end of the month.

Jessie Jones, Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting – There was a meeting recently to discuss salary study the Board had requested as well continuing communication on the Superintendent’s review as well as a discussion on a suggested position.

Jessie Jones, Policy Committee – shared that due to legislative changes there are updates to policies. She suggested the Board waive the second reading of the policies to meet the requirement of adopting prior to the February 13, 2024 deadline.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to waive the second reading for the updates to policies 0122, 1420, 3120, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3139, 3140, 3142, 3220. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 0122 – Board Powers\*. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 1420 – School Administrator Evaluation. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3130 – Placement\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3131 – Staff Reductions/Recalls. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3132 – Vacancies. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3139 – Staff Discipline. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3140 – Termination and Resignation. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3142 – Probationary Teachers. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the updates as presented for PO 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation. Motion carried.

Transportation and Safety Committee – In Chairperson Robel’s absence, Trustee Jones shared discipline recommendations for the following due process hearings held recently for Students E, G, H, I, J\*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student E. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student G. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student H. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student I. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the final disciplinary recommendation for Student J. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak shared highlights from his Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. He shared discipline and dashboard data as part of his report. The daily attendance rate has a slight drop. The percent of students who were not suspended dropped from 99% to 94%. The number of Restorative Circles has increased. The percentage of students not referred for discipline went from 99% to 98%. He shared that we still have 24 openings in positions such as crossing guards, student supervisors.

Amy Dalton, President's Report – Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events – President Dalton highlighted commemorative, cultural, and celebratory events taking place in the month of February. They include: Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Rosa Parks Day, International Day of Women and Girls in Science, National Heart Month, and Day of World Justice.

Secure Firearms Storage Resolution\*- President Dalton presented a resolution on Secure Firearms Storage that would add language to student handbooks about the importance of Secure firearm storage. A copy of the resolution is 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 adopt the Secure Firearms Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

#### **WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Proposals for Overnight/Extended Student Trips\* - The Board heard details from the organizing teacher of each event earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the Overnight/Extended Student Trips forms are on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS DECA State Conference Overnight Student Trip as presented. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS HOSA State Leadership Conference Student Trip as presented. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Monthly Financial Packet – Mike Dunckel presented the monthly financial packet earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the packet is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

May 7, 2024 Special Bond Election Resolution\* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the May 7, 2024 Special Bond Election Resolution where we ask our public to support a bond in the amount of \$22,000,000. Motion carried.

New Bus Purchase\* - The Board was presented with a memorandum that included the bids for a new bus purchase. A copy of the memorandum is 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 request to purchase a new bus from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$134,191.

Sentinel One and Artic Wolf Network Security Platform Purchase\* - Teresa Asch submitted a request for the Board to approve the purchase of Sentinel One, an end point platform that will help protect our network from cyberattacks and Artic Wolf, a service that provides 24/7 network monitoring, threat detection and response services. A copy of the proposal is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the purchase of Sentinel One in the amount of \$28,327.48. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the purchase of Artic Wolf in the amount of \$108,849.18.

**CALENDAR** (Dates subject to change)

**2024**

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| Feb. 19     | Mid-Winter Break (Bond Calendar)    |
| Feb. 19-23  | Mid-Winter Break (Blended Calendar) |
| Feb. 29     | Special Board Meeting               |
| March 11    | Board Meeting                       |
| March 22-29 | Spring Break (All Schools)          |
| April 8     | Board Meeting                       |

**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 the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary