

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, April 8, 2024 - 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, Erin Quinlan, Michael Dunckel, Melissa Stuard, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Superintendent opening comments. HPS has much to be grateful for. We are experiencing a more regulated learning environment and our students and staff are working hard each day. Not only are our students achieving in the classroom, but also in their extracurricular activities. Our DECA competed recently and some members won the State Championship and will be competing at the National Championship. Recently our Robotics team and Science Olympiad Team recently competed and continue to compete at high levels and so much more. I would like to remind our public that the May 7th Bond proposal will extend the life of our buildings and help keep our students safe, warm, dry, cool, and ready to learn. If approved the new bonds would be rolled into the existing debt and there would be no increase in the current property tax millage rate, but the debt would be rolled out over an additional 4 years. We are joined by 25 quality Holt Public educators tonight who put their best foot forward each day to make a difference in the lives of our students. We are grateful they chose Holt Public. Each is being recommended for tenure this year by their building administrator. Finally, it has been said that Holt Rams are everywhere. In fact I am aware of a recent graduate who worked at the Super Bowl, several Taylor Swift concerts, the World Series, Formula One in Las Vegas and is working the Men's NCAA Basketball finals tonight and this is all over the past 16 months. Finally I want to share with you a great compliment we received via email from a resident of Lake Park Georgia who wanted to recognize our Holt Men's baseball team who had stopped to eat at a restaurant on the way home from their spring training trip. The email stated they witnessed exceptional behavior from some of the finest young men he has ever met, and it was great to see them display that great mid-western politeness down south.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were a few changes to the agenda. We are moving item 3 Public Comment to after Item 4. Teacher Tenure Recognition. We covered 7.1 SRO Report, 9.1 HR Report, and parts of 9.2 Curriculum Presentation.

TEACHER TENURE RECOGNITION* - Dr. Quinlan shared the excitement at hosting the 25 teachers up for tenure this year. Building Principals from each building with teachers represented introduced their teachers up for tenure recognition.

Chelsea Ezze – Teacher at Elliott Elementary*

Jessica Galecka – Teacher at Hope Middle School*

Renee Hard – Teacher at Hope Middle School*

Susan Schneider – Teacher at Hope Middle School*

Nicholas Hahnenberg – Teacher at Holt Junior High School*

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Sydney Moore – Teacher at Holt Junior High School*
Matthew Williamsen - Teacher at Holt Junior High School*
Samantha Zill – Counselor at Holt Junior High School*
Yelena Hebert - Teacher at Holt Junior High School*
Sara Melnik - Teacher at Holt Junior High School*
Jessica Brown-Mysliwicz – District English Language Learners Teacher*
Jason Copp - Teacher at Horizon Elementary School*
Kim Evans - Teacher at Holt High School*
Jacqueline Rolan - Teacher at Holt High School*
Josh Abatie - Teacher at Holt High School*
Chelsea Tinney - Teacher at Holt High School*
Alexis Ray - Teacher at Holt High School*
Colleen Myers - Teacher at Sycamore Elementary School*
Marissa Hoop - Teacher at Sycamore Elementary School*
Melissa McIntyre - Teacher at Sycamore Elementary School*
Christopher Bacon - Teacher at Wilcox Elementary School*
Miranda Frisbie - Teacher at Wilcox Elementary School*
Lissa Sell - Teacher Midway Early Learning Center*
Alexandra Shock – District Speech Language Pathologist*
Nicole Ruster – District Occupational Therapist*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the teachers presented for tenure recognition. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – McKinzy Alcock – I want answers as to why Horizon and Dimondale are so different. Our son gets treated like a baby. We have had CPS called on us and had our parenting questions. I was told the background check. We ordered flowers for HOPS and PTO received the money but not the form. My son now has a broken arm and was called to pick him up as they cannot accommodate him. Dimondale is amazing. My son is non-verbal, and we are his voice. There is no communication. His IEP does not get followed. We have sent numerous emails that go un-responded to. Dimondale’s principal calls us to find out how we can work together. I want answers. Thank you.

Breonna Bonds – My name is Breonna. I feel my daughter and myself are being discriminated against. Her teacher has been repeatedly bullying my daughter. She does not address these concerns with me, but will take I was served a no trespass this past Friday simply because I discussed the concerns with the teacher. I do not feel safe with her. I did remove her from the class and the school. Staff have been made aware and there have been lies told about me. It is very chaotic there and I need some help. I went to Holt High School, so this has been a nightmare, and this is very upsetting to me.

Jenny Baker – We survived the solar eclipse. I want to discuss lighting outside and I am noticing it this year more than others. It is pitch black in the parking lot at Sycamore. I would love to see us do something in the meantime. You could not see the cars coming in. There are also craters on both the junior high and on the Sycamore side. They are so big you could swim in them. It is hard to go around them. With kindergarten

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roundup, I am hopeful they could be patched. Looking for something better than that. Want to see the lighting be addressed for after school events.

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 March 11, 2024*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2024*

Approval of Bills Paid*

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

REPORTS

Student Representative Reports – They were not present.

Jessie Jones, Personnel & Salary Committee – Chairperson Jones shared that there was a meeting recently held where they reviewed the teachers up for tenure this year.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee – Chairperson Robel shared that there were several due process hearings held recently and she presented the final disciplinary recommendations for approval for students L, M, N, O*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the final discipline recommendation for Student L. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the final discipline recommendation for Student M. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the final discipline recommendation for Student N. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the final discipline recommendation for Student O. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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. There are 13 vacancies in the district. We are mask optional district.

Amy Dalton, President's Report – Reported that she attended an MASB Safety & Security Conference. Also visited an MSU classroom and shared what it is like to serve on a school board. She attended Hope today and enjoyed visiting students at Hope.

Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events – President Dalton shared the commemorative, cultural and celebratory events taking place in the month of April. They include: Autism Awareness Month,

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Arab American Month, Military Child Month, LGBTQIA+ National Day of Silence. National Assistant Principals Month, Administrative Assistant Day.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Proposals for Overnight/Extended Student Trips*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the overnight request for the DECA International Career Development Conference Trip. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

HR Report – Erin Quinlan presented her HR Report during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Curriculum Office Presentation – Jessica Cotter finished her presentation. She did part of her presentation during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the TK-6 Course Name Change from Kinetics to Physical Education. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the HHS Course Addition of an Independent Study Course. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Student Services Report – Executive Director of Student Services, Melissa Stuard shared the update for her department during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Mr. Dunckel gave an overview of the monthly financial packet.

Horizon Elementary Technology Purchase* - Mr. Dunckel gave an overview of the Horizon Elementary Technology 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 Leonard and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the Horizon Elementary Technology Purchase via the REMC bid pricing in the amount of \$97,055.

Mr. Dunckel gave an update on outer doors that need to be replaced. Mr. Brown did the assessment before he left. There are 13 doors. These are not to be done under the Bond.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Facilities Door and Hardware Replacement Project as presented in the amount of \$110,732 +10% contingency.

Trustee Perry asked if we would interchange vendors. He is concerned they may look different. Mr. Dunckel stated they use the same materials.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the HHS Track Resurfacing Project as presented not to exceed \$443,775, plus a 5% contingency if needed and awarded to vendor Capital Asphalt. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Trustee Halgren said the committee looked at numerous vendors and bids and they recommend this substantial upgrade to this facility. The work will be done this summer.

Trustee Perry asked if this included striping and painting as well. Mr. Dunckel confirmed it does.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Release of Committed Funds for Track Project. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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