

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, August 12, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Marisa Anderson

Central Office Team Present: Jessica Cotter, Michael Dunckel, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – We are removing item 7.9 Student Services Update from the agenda.

PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIP - Coach Russ Olcheske was present to share information with the Board regarding the HHS Boys Varsity Tennis Tournament in Traverse City.

President Dalton commended Coach Olcheske on his thoroughness on completing the form and planning of this annual trip. He provided the hotel information and transportation information to Christine Lopez so she can update the form.

HHS ATHLETICS PROPOSED UPDATE TO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Athletic Director, Chris Bishop was present to share information related to the proposed update to eligibility criteria beginning with the graduating class of 2028. He would like to update the standard. He shared his philosophy as an educator and the athletic director.

Dr. Halgren asked if he could share the percentage of athletes that would be able to participate. Mr. Bishop stated that it is hard to tell. He said that Lansing Public changed to this eligibility threshold last year and they saw a dramatic increase

President Dalton said Mr. Bishop mentioned that this upgrade will not disproportionately affect any certain population of students. She wanted to know how he came to that. He said that he used the Lansing Public as the example.

President Dalton asked if he consulted the Curriculum Dept. He said he did not speak with Jessica. He said he spoke with Mike Willard, the coaches, and Teryn in the DEI Office.

Trustee Perry asked who monitors this and Mr. Bishop replied the Athletic Department follows a process and they monitor. He also shared that this adjustment raises the standard a bit. He does not believe we

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will have less students participating. He believes it will be a driving factor to meet eligibility because students want to play.

President Dalton said she does not believe she is ready to ask the Board to approve this evening. She would like to see information from surrounding districts, have it vetted through the Curriculum Committee and DEI Committee and for any supporting documents he can provide about surrounding districts, and details on it not affecting sub-groups disproportionately.

President Dalton asked when the “on track to graduate” comes in the play. Mr. Bishop explained that this is MHSAA criteria and does not relate to HPS. President Dalton shared she would like to invite Mr. Bishop to come to the Curriculum and DEI Committees to further explain so that the Board can understand the policy in better detail. The Board is not prepared to vote on this change tonight. The Superintendent’s Office will set the committee meetings up and be in contact with Mr. Bishop.

HR REPORT – Erin Quinlan was not present for the meeting, so Dr. Hornak asked if there were any questions related to the monthly HR Report. There were no questions.

CURRICULUM REPORT – Jessica Cotter gave a presentation on Curriculum Updates. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL PACKET – Mike Dunckel asked if there were any questions related to the monthly financial packet.

Trustee Perry asked if the pre-audit report included in the packet was sent to Standard & Poor’s? Mike stated it has not been sent, but they were told in the interview that we are closer to breaking even. Trustee Perry would like to see us try to get this into their hands.

Trustee Perry asked about the last payables in cash flow, it seems off. He was hoping Mr. Dunckel might review and make sure it is accurate. Mike said the estimated comes from Baker Tilley and the actual is accurate.

L-4029 TAX RATE REQUEST FORMS – Mr. Dunckel went over the L-4029 Tax Rate Request forms for Ingham and Eaton counties that the Board will be asked to approve in the regular meeting.

GRANGER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMENDMENT - Mr. Dunckel provided information relating to the Granger Construction Contract amendment the Board will be asked to approve in the regular meeting.

OTHER – Since we still had time left in the meeting, we had Chairperson Perry report on the CIC Committee meeting that was held recently. He gave the update on all the bond work. Mr. Dunckel also took the opportunity to share information with the Board regarding the Tentative Agreement with the Teamsters Local 243 that the Board will be asked to approve at the regular meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak shared highlights from his Superintendent's Report since we still had time. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

President's Report – President Dalton wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the recent Board/Admin workshop and shared there are many cultural, celebratory and memorial events happening in the month of August – National Civility Month, Health Worker Appreciation Month, International Day of the World's Indigenous People, World Humanitarian Day, Senior Citizens Day, International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, Overdose Awareness Day.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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