

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, September 9, 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: Erin Quinlan, Mike Dunckel, 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. Last month Dr. Hornak shared that we are focusing on optimism this school year. We were challenged early on with some extreme weather and may be challenged again this week. Our facilities Director had been working on getting upgrades to the air conditioning units where we have hot classrooms and when realized he could not be able to get the repairs in time, he rented 30 portable units to help keep the classrooms cool. Dr. Hornak shared that he joined the team that dumped water collection tanks of the AC units overnight and he served as substitute teacher in one of the warmer classrooms. He also highlighted that they would continue to work on potholes across the district. In fact, they have placed 6000 lbs. of cold patch in the last month and while they are short an employee or two, they will continue to patch potholes across the district.

Dr. Hornak shared that last week two students and two teachers were killed in a Georgia High School shooting. Nine others were hospitalized. In times like these, we need to come together as a community to mourn the losses and discuss what we can do to make the difference in our school and in our learning community as it will take each of us to make a difference for all of us. He encouraged all students to report threats to a trusted adult, school officials, OK2Say at 888-656-2729, and/or the Holt Public Hotline at 517-699-7867 or by email at STOP@hpsk12.net

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – We removed items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.1 as they were covered in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Matthew Farr – Sycamore parent – Present to discuss the lack of communication to parents about the issues regarding the AC. There was a heat advisory issued with heat index over 104 degrees. There were other schools across the state who chose to close. He was expected to get communication regarding what he considered a serious health violation. This was not well planned or executed. He had conversation with the principal and she said “Why should I?” She said many do not have any AC. He said he sent an email and never received a response from anyone. He asked that a policy be adopted to require that parents are updated and informed.

Jenny Baker – Sycamore parent. Present to speak about communication. She hears here that we are going to be filling potholes. Parents are dodging them and great to hear now, but how do we get

communication about these issues. I have been coming to these meetings for a year now. We know we have had issues with the AC since COVID. Why can't we just place them preemptively before the heat wave and it hits hard. It is great to have an excused absence, but it can affect truancy later.

Erin Beaubien – Present to speak about communication as well. She felt that when she was at Midway, they would not get communications about snow days. She said that she hates hearing about the things on Facebook. She is tired. She loves Sycamore and she is excited about the new school, but my student will not get to experience it. She is hoping we can figure out a solution.

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 August 12, 2024*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024*

Donations*

Joanne Scarpone - \$300 donation to the Wilcox Library

Kroger Rewards - \$1,325.36

Approval of Bills Paid*

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

REPORTS

Mark Perry, CIC Committee – Trustee Perry gave an update on the CIC meeting recently held. We met last week and a majority of the time it was focused on Series 1 and trying to finalize all of the outstanding items. Last Friday, they did get a punch list that should include all outstanding items. We are holding contractors and building managers responsible for the items. They promise they will be completed by the end of the month. There is a big push to get the bond partners out of the Series 1 schools to focus on Series 2 and 3. There will be landscaping left to be done in the Spring. Horizon is on target to be completed. Dimondale is also currently on target as well. Next we will be focusing on the Junior High as it is a very big school and the architect is going through and we will get together to take a look at options for work to be done there.

Trustee Halgren wanted to publicly thank Trustee Perry for his diligence.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee – Trustee Robel gave an update on two recently held Reinstatement Hearings. Both students are returning to the district.

Superintendent's Report – He provided some highlights from his report. He was out at Dimondale earlier today and there are two-story walls up. He said he saw students out watching the construction and he shared with Dr. Hornak that he enjoys watching the construction instead of playing on the playground. Next week we will be hosting the Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and Col. James F. Grady II of the Michigan State Police for a 10-year anniversary OK2Say program and press conference.

* Requires Board action

President's Report – President Dalton said she would like more information on what he mentioned in his opening comments regarding Facilities. Dr. Hornak shared that the facilities department team has placed 6,000# of cold patch over the past several weeks and will be continuing this work the rest of the week to fill potholes. When he looks at the Sycamore Elementary receipts since 2021 and there have been a lot of resources spent on keeping Sycamore cool. We still have the portable air conditioners on site to help on warm weather days.

Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events including Hispanic Heritage Month, National Guide Dog Month, Suicide Awareness Month, Laor Day, International Day of Charity, National Read a Book Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, Grandparents Day, Patriot Day to remember 911 victims, Constitution Day and World Gratitude Day.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Middle School – Disney WorldStrides Overnight Trip Approval* - IT WAS APPROVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the Middle School Disney WorldStrides trip.

Trustee Halgren said as discussed, he would like field trips to be more proactive on the planning of these trips.

Motion carried.

Midway Early Learning Center Roof Replacement Proposal* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the MELC Roof Replacement be awarded to Weather Shield an amount not to exceed \$155,347.50

Trustee Perry said that Horizon's contingency is over and maybe we could look at using that.

Motion carried.

Washington Woods Building Controls Update Proposal* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the Washington Woods Building Controls Proposal update from Tridium to Trane in the amount of \$34,969. Motion carried.

Tiny Mobile Robot for Grounds Department* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the purchase of the Tiny Mobile Robot for the Grounds Department in the amount of \$41,690.

Trustee Halgren stated he hopes the purchase will free up grounds crew to focus on other matters.

Motion carried.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – All presentations were given during Committee

FINANCIAL MATTERS

* Requires Board action

Building/Department Carryover* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the Building/Department Carryover as presented in the amount of \$178,753. Motion carried.

2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series III Ratifying Resolution* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Perry to approve the 2024 School Building and Site Bonds Ratifying Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS – Mrs. Lopez wanted to give a shout-out to Mr. Olcheske' s students who are in attendance today.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary