REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - proposed
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5780 West Holt Road, Holt, MI  48842
Thursday, September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM
President Mark Perry called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m. on August 13, 2018, at 5780 W. Holt Road, Holt, Michigan.

Present:  Mark Perry, Julie Bureau, Robert Halgren, Amy Dalton, Laura Colligan, Jennifer Robel and Dr. David Hornak, Superintendent
Absent:  Ben Bakken

Central Office Staff present:  Kevin Badge, Steve Netzel, Jessica Cotter, Kim Cosgrove, Maggie Doolittle
Others in attendance who signed in:  Elizabeth Graf, Charlie & Sally Harrison, Ben & Ingrid Holtry, Deputy Belanger, Amanda Miller, Melissa Felts, Adva Ringle, Jennifer Spencer, Jason & Cole Hall, Janette Kowalski, Trudy & Johnathan, Nic Lewis, Carl Meirndorf, Dorene & Mike Hull, Rocky Shaft, Rick Cotton, Jackie Perry, Katie Ingraham, Heather Peterson, Laura Curry

President Perry established the presence of a quorum; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – adding second reading of the policy.

3. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018: Motion made by Colligan, seconded by Halgren, supported by all.

3.2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018: Motion made by Halgren, seconded by Colligan, supported by all.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

• Jeanette Kowalski: Mother of a Sycamore student. Parents concerned about the lack of air conditioning in the gym and in the cafeteria.

• Amanda Miller: In a new building this year and feels like she’s fighting the same fight with Special Ed all over again. Student is doing the best she ever has with grades and being happy.

• Sally Hock-Harrison: speaker on the webcam didn’t provide good audio via Facebook live feed. Mentioned the windmill not turning. Asked questions about lunches that are provided.

5. REPORTS

5.1. ISOA: Colligan gave summary of the last meeting – met new IISD Superintendent Jason Mellema. Weapons law held up in favor of schools but polling places can’t be weapon free. IISD will now be closed if Mason Public Schools is closed. Wednesday October 3rd is the next meeting. Discussion around changing Spring Break for 2019-20.

5.2. Superintendent’s Report: Moment of silence for a Holt High School student who passed away and in remembrance of the September 11th tragedy. Starting in October we will have two student Board Members present at the meetings. Will be presenting at MASA conference. NEOLA Admin Guidelines are in draft form. Attending MASA Fall Conference focused on finance to gain a better understanding – personal goal. MSTEP results are in, shared via peek at the week, more in October. Lacrosse coach’s Schedule B contract will not be renewed. Regarding bus scheduling – learned that the system had not been purged in years, IISD working to tweak routes and are almost complete. Joined the student section at the football game – new cheer “wow wow super wow.”
5.3. Board President’s Report: would like to discuss at the Committee of the Whole next month assigning a Board Member to each building and participating in events.

6. DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
6.1. District Pride/Ram Pride Delegations
   6.1.1. Unified Champion Flag Football: Val Susko told us a little about the team and their journey to take the gold medal in Seattle. Dr. Hornak presented each member of the team with a certificate.

6.2. Curriculum Department Updates
   6.2.1. Adoption of Growing Up and Staying Healthy: motion to approve the adoption of the program for 7th grade, made by Dalton seconded by Colligan, all in favor.
   6.2.2. Science Update: Pilot has officially started. Different experiences for different kids – transition year is difficult. Will be talking with parent during conferences.
   6.2.3. Enrollment Update: As of today numbers are up by 3. Kindergarten numbers are up, School of Choice numbers are down, both of which are signs of increased residency.

7. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
7.1. General Correspondence
   7.1.1. SRO Report: Deputy Belanger had to leave to tend to an urgent matter prior to giving her report. Dr. Hornak asked for any questions in regards to his report – no questions.

7.2. HR Report: 28 new staff members in the past month. Few teachers but mostly other staff. 9 resignations. 10 retirements for the year – Diane Carl, HR, 5 teachers – 1 HS, 4 JH.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS
8.1. Monthly Financial Packet: Cosgrove presented the first financial packet of 18-19. Noted that only revenues collected for the new school year, thru August 2018, are local, the State of Michigan does not pay the first state aid payment until October 20th of each year. The districts sustains operations with fund balance and state aid note borrowing, due to the State payment schedule. Made Note there won’t be a financial packet in October due to the timing of the meeting.

8.2. Payment of Bills: motion to pay bills made by Bureau, seconded by Colligan, carried by all.

8.3. 2018 Tax Rate Request: Motion to accept 2018 Tax Rates for Ingham and Eaton Counties made by Halgren, seconded by Bureau.
   Roll call vote; Halgren – Yes, Robel – Yes, Perry – Yes, Bureau – Yes, Dalton – Yes, Colligan – Yes

10. OLD BUSINESS – no old business
11. NEW BUSINESS
   • MASB Strategic Planning Services: motion to accept the proposal made by Bureau, seconded by Dalton, carried by all.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT
   • Stan Granger: Thank you to Renee Sadler, Mike Willard, Dr. Hornak for all the work on this. Feels it’s important to remember that the program that has been created will continue. Doesn’t agree with how this has been handled but is proud of the change that has occurred over the last 4 years.

13. CLOSED SESSION – no closed session
15. ADJOURNMENT
   The motion was made by Bakken and seconded by Bureau to adjourn the Regular meeting of August 13, 2018. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau, Secretary
Holt Public Schools Board of Education