

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING – Minutes (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Monday, March 08, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Central Office Team Present: Kim Cosgrove, Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – President Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Dr. Hornak led the participants in the pledge and read the mission and vision statements for HPS.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Hock Harrison – Sally listened and enjoyed the Committee of the Whole. Feels the term splintered learning is what the students have had this past year. The teachers at Wilcox have done such a great job with the two students she sees in the home where she is assigned. She knows Holt Public Schools cares. Dr. Dave is working on it and trying to get us rolling. She loves Holt Public.

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 February 8, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021

Approval of Bills Paid

Gifts (HEAT Author Forum - \$1,500 from various districts and organizations)

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried with unanimous consent.

REPORTS

2021 Bond Update – Dr. Hornak gave an update that the Bond has been shared with the staff and our public. There will be mailers sent home soon along with an updated Ram Quarterly. He has been meeting with numerous community partners to discuss the bond proposal.

Student Representative Report – Paige Thompkins was unable to attend the meeting tonight. She was going to send her report but did not do so. If she does send it to Christine, she will forward it along to the Board members.

Trustee Halgren - Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA) Report – Dr. Halgren gave an update on the last ISOA meeting. They discussed virtual reality programming and Dr. Halgren felt that while it is in its infancy, it shows some nice promise.

Trustee Amy Dalton – Holt Equity Access Team (HEAT) Update – Trustee Dalton said that today is International Women’s Day honoring women around the world. March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month. There are numerous spring and cultural/religious New Year celebrations in March. In late March, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and International Day of Remembrance for the victims of slavery and the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and International Transgendered Day of Visibility. For the HEAT update she introduced Chris Billingslea.

Mr. Billingslea wanted to commend the Board and the District for the HEAT work being done. There will be a group of young women having a brave discussion with the Junior High Diversity Team titled *Stopping Sexual Assault, More than Just A Dress Code*. Also Dr. Hornak’s Student Voice Podcast hosted by Seneca Moore. It is a weekly podcast, and it is student empowerment at its finest.

Sarah Moore was also on hand to talk about the first Annual Black History Month Conscious Art and Contest. There were local panelists/mentors who volunteered their time. There were 76 student submissions. It was powerful.

Dominic Knighten was the staff host of the Capital Region K-12 Author Forum. It was very well attended. During the live event there were over 3,000 participants and to date the link on the YouTube channel has over 9,000 views.

Trustee Julie Bureau – Board Policy Update – Trustee Bureau stated the NEOLA web update came in and there are 15-18 new policies. Christine will set-up a meeting with Dr. Halik and the committee.

Open Meetings Act Resolution regarding Electronic Participation* - Trustee Bureau presented the resolution (a copy of the resolution is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.) It is similar to the resolution the Board adopted last October. The bracket will be struck from the resolution.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Bureau and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution regarding Electronic Participation with the exclusion of the check box language.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak presented his monthly Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

President's Report – President Perry gave an update to the regional MASB representative vote the Board participated in last month. The incumbent, Dale Wingerd of Clinton Community Schools, won the election.

Last month the Board named the football stadium the Michael Smith Memorial Stadium and it was well deserved recognition. President Perry wanted to recognize this tremendous honor again.

He addressed the public and stated the opening on March 15th to in-person learning will be challenging and asked the public to please communicate with Admin and building leaders instead of jumping to social media to air grievances. The Board and Administration appreciate that.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

HHS Yearbook Publishing Bids* - Michelle Fulton – HHS Yearbook teacher, Michelle Fulton presented the Board with the three bids she received for the publishing of the 2022 HHS yearbook. A copy of the proposal and bids are on file with the official Board packet materials She recommends proceeding with the bid from Jostens as she believes it will offer the best experience for the yearbook students. This will be for the 2021-22 school year.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Yearbook publishing bid from Jostens in the amount of \$32,000 and for a period of up to five years.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Transportation – Purchase of 2 New School Buses* - Donna Schultz shared the proposal and bids received with the Board. A copy is on file the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office. Donna's recommendation would be to purchase two gas International buses from Midwest Transit

in the amount of \$94,365 a piece for a total of \$188,730. They are a local company that we have provided us with good service in the past.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the purchase of two new gas school buses from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$188,730 not to exceed \$190,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Technology – Chromebook Purchase* - Dr. Hornak utilized the emergency power to purchase an additional 425 Chromebooks which brings us to a 1:1 Chromebook district plus 5%. They were purchased from an approved REMC contract vendor - Troxell Communications. The amount was \$141,227.50 that included three-year warranty, licensing for Google management.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Dalton and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the purchase of the Chromebooks in the amount of \$141,227.50 that Dr. Hornak approved using the emergency powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

HHS Athletics Mask Update – Renee Sadler gave an update on winter sports and the preparation for spring sports.

The HPS athletes have risen to the challenge and are doing an excellent job with mask compliance.

Dr. Halgren stated he sees many shots on the news with the athletes down under their noses.

Mrs. Sadler stated she realizes it is difficult for the athletes when sweaty and running to keep the masks up around their noses.

Trustee Robel stated that she has been in attendance for many games and said she thinks the student athletes and Renee herself are doing a phenomenal job about keeping everyone safe.

Renee gave an update that there are many community partners who have pledged to help fund a memorial project at the Michael Smith Memorial Stadium that would be positioned in front of the stadium.

Renee stated they drafted a co-op agreement for a two-year women's lacrosse program in conjunction with Mason High School.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to form a 2-year co-op with Mason High School for Women's Lacrosse.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Curriculum Updates – Jessica Cotter and Steve Netzel presented the Board with their monthly presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Mental Health Initiative – Jessica Cotter gave the Board and update on the Mental Health Initiative. A copy of this information is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

President Perry wondered if the school ratios for school counselors to students mentioned in the report is something HPS meets. Jessica stated we do not, and it is something most schools do not meet, and the number is provided by the professional organization for school counselors.

Individual Reading Improvement Plan Data – Steve Netzel shared the Individual Reading Improvement Plan Data. A copy of the plan data is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

February Remote Survey Results – Jessica and Steve shared the remote survey results. A copy of the survey results is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Continuity of Learning Update* (vote after public comment) – Jessica and Steve shared the update. A copy of the Continuity of Learning Update is on file with the official Board materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT Regarding the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Update

Alan Ingram – He's been very condemning towards the district. He felt at his wits end and his family. Dr. Hornak reached out and spent a great deal of time and engagement with their family. Progress is being made and there has been a great attempt to connect with his family. He thanked everyone for listening and they have become more cautiously optimistic. His children are excited to return to the classroom.

Sally Hock-Harrison – Sally asked what the spreadsheets meant. She wants to see kids in the school and kids in attendance. Sally loves Holt schools and is excited the kids will return to the classroom.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Continuity of Learning Update as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

HR Report – Erin Quinlan presented the monthly HR Report to the Board. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Kim Cosgrove presented the monthly financial packet to the Board. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

OLD BUSINESS – Band uniforms are in and look great.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Bureau asked if contactless payments, that are being used for Athletics, will be extended to other options like plays? Kim Cosgrove replied they are.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bureau – Yes

Trustee Dalton – Yes

Trustee Halgren – Yes

Trustee Jones – Yes

Trustee Leonard – Yes

Trustee Perry – Yes

Trustee Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau, Secretary