BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - Minutes (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN MARGARET LIVENSPARGER THEATER, HHS MAIN CAMPUS 5885 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT Monday, July 12, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

Present – Mark Perry, Amy Dalton, Julie Bureau, Robert Halgren, Jessie Jones, David Hornak

Absent – Kevin Leonard, Jennifer Robel

Central Office Team Present – Erin Quinlan, Christine Lopez, Kim Cosgrove

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth addressed the Board and asked them to consider keeping an SRO (School Resource Officer) within Holt Public Schools. His hope is to continue the partnership and keep a safe presence in the District.

Marcie Abdullah – member of the Holt Equity and Access team and staff member. Please take the time and read the information regarding the SRO. A lot of time was put into the entire process and gathering insight from stakeholders and the community.

Ty Schalter – community member and parent. He stated he is worried about an armed full-time police officer in the schools. SRO carries a lot of liability for the schools, stakes are raised, including safety.

SRO COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS UPDATE - Dr. Hornak stated the Board had received the compiled data from the Community Conversations that were facilitated by Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan in the Board packet.

The Board would like to have more student input and more information surrounding this issue before deciding. The Board would also like to hear from the Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

The current contract with Delhi Township and Holt Public Schools ends on December 31st, 2022.

Trustee Dalton reminded the group that they requested data and information. This might be best to go to the Transportation and Safety Committee, or other groups before and decisions are made.

The Board would like to see a job description for the SRO and were also wondering how many area districts continue to have an SRO.

President Perry asked if Dr. Hornak could work with Sheriff Wrigglesworth on what does a new SRO look like.

Trustee Dalton asked about safety and/or not having SRO and athletic events. What are the consequences of not having a formal relationship?

President Perry asked for more information regarding the Safe School Initiative that Sheriff Wriggelsworth mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau, Secretary