

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING - Minutes (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

HOLT HIGH SCHOOL – MARGARET LIVENSPARGER THEATER

5885 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, July 12, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent – Kevin Leonard, Jennifer Robel

Central Office Team Present – Jessica Cotter, Kim Cosgrove, Erin Quinlan, Michael Dunckel

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - There were no changes or additions to the agenda. Moment of silence for longtime teacher Ms. Nancie Bauer who passed away.

BOND PARTNER CONTRACTS - Kirk Herald from Thrun Law was on hand to update the Board on the bond partner contracts. He outlined the Moore Trosper and GMB contracts. Board approval gives the authority for Dr. Hornak to sign the contracts. Copies of the contracts are on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Moore Trosper Contract Approval* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Moore Trosper Contract as presented.

Roll Call

Bureau – Yes

Dalton – Yes

Halgren – Yes

Jones – Yes

Leonard – Absent

Perry – Yes

Robel - Absent

Motion carried.

GMB Contract Approval* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Dalton and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the GMB contract as presented.

Roll Call

Bureau – Yes

Dalton – Yes

Halgren – Yes

Jones – Yes

Leonard – Absent

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Perry – Yes

Robel - Absent

Motion carried.

2021 BOND PARTNER UPDATE - Andrew Howard, GMB gave the Board an update on the Bond project. He stated we are in the schematic design phase.

Design update Midway/Wilcox/Elliott - Started meetings with the design process. Continue to circle back to the bond pillars/guiding principles. Empathy mapping where design team members will “walk in the shoes” of students, staff and try to understand and appreciate the experiences of the stakeholders. Midway, warm welcome environment. Elliott, inviting spaces, equitable and open. Wilcox, equitable, innovative

Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) - President Perry stated the Board has created an ad hoc committee to serve as a conduit between the bond partners and the Board. That way if there are change orders, the Board know about them. In addition, it will allow the Board to be actively involved in budget contingency planning and whether to spend the contingency dollars and if so, and how. The trustees serving on the committee will be President Perry, Trustee Robel and Treasurer Halgren.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Jocelyn Hall – She has a son at Horizon. With less than a month before school starts, I am hoping to get a response as to whether he will continue in Holt Public Schools. Disappointed in Holt and knows other schools did a better job. As a parent, it is concerning to not be allowed into the building. When school starts on August 3rd, will the same protocols be in place? I love to volunteer and chose to live where I do to go to Horizon. Still wondering about masks and the curriculum layout. I vote for no masks.

Jennifer Willcutt – According to Ms. Willcutt, 114 school districts have come out against masks and testing. Holt is not on that list. She is asking the Board to think of children over money/federal funding. She will pull her children from the schools if masks are mandated. Masks should be optional. Trust parents to make decisions for their children.

Elizabeth Ballman – She has 2 children. The learning behind a screen and a mask has been difficult. Facial recognition is a crucial aspect for development.

Sally Hock-Harrison – has been a nurse forever and applaud these three ladies. Follow science, believe the science. Frozen Food: I didn’t think we were supposed to serve frozen food in the schools. A frozen sandwich was given. *Not my Whiteness*, is a book she would like to learn about. If the decision is made to take out the SRO out of the schools, this would be a mistake. “Do the best you can do, until you know better, then when you know better, do better” M. Angelou

Matt Hutting – Previous HPS SRO, worked through many issues with The District. Try to not to give weight to the voices screaming in, this isn’t just a police presence. He stated he has often helped families, made contacts, and supported whenever he could. Wearing many hats. Rides, work with parents and students. So many different jobs.

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Kayla Johns – student since 2009. Last year was the worst year of her life. Her mother is a single mom and she would sit alone. She was able to push herself to get good grades. Many students are depressed and failed classes. Even when we went back, school was still depressing, we couldn't see people's faces, could not sit next to people and that isn't fair. Masks should be optional. Be able to see people smile can change someone's day, especially seeing a teacher's smile.

Jamie Pollard – Mother of the student who just spoke. Masks should be optional. Science doesn't lie. Saddened to see Board with masks and far away from everyone. She would like to know if Critical Race Theory is being taught in the Holt Public Schools, and said she has a feeling it has been. If you take the SRO out, my daughter will leave HPS. Stand up for what is right for all groups.

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 June 14, 2021*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28, 2021*

Approval of Bills Paid*

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

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Trustee Halgren - Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA) Report - Trustee Halgren reported there was not a meeting this month. There will be an open discussion with Dr. Vail at the next meeting, open to all Board members.

Trustee Julie Bureau – Board Policy Update - Trustee Bureau presented policy updates that the Board Policy Committee went through in a meeting with Dr. Halik from NEOLA. A copy of the suggested changes to the policies are on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office. This will be the first reading of the policies. The Board will do a second reading in August and approve the policies at that time. The policies being updated are:

Policy 1422/3122/4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Revised)

Policy 1623/3123/4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination Based in Employment (Revised)

Policy 1662/3362/4362 - Anti-Harassment (Revised)

Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Revised)

Policy 5517 - Anti-Harassment (Revised)

Policy 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Revised)

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Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)

Policy 5341 - Emergency Medical Authorization (Revised)

Policy 5342 - Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR) for Minor Students (NEW)

Policy 5343 - Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST) (NEW)

Policy 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring (Revised)

Policy 8321 - Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency) (Revised)

Policy 8330 - Student Records (Revised)

Policy 8400 - School Safety Information (Revised)

Policy 8450.01 – Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events (Revised)

Policy 8500 – Food Services (Revised)

Policy 8510 - Wellness (Revised) - Trustee Dalton wanted to know if classroom parties, holiday celebrations and following USDA guidelines should be checked. Trustee Bureau explained it was adopted by the Board in 2018. The Board wants to look at revising that piece so fundraisers, classroom parties and celebrations are not hindered by the policy. They will uncheck item F and H.

Trustee Amy Dalton – HEAT Update - Trustee Dalton highlighted many celebrations for the month of July.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Hornak gave the Board his Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

As part of his report Dr. Hornak also shared information from the Spring 2021 Student Exit Survey. Relatively low for online learning. 5th and 6th grade level had the most interest, but levels were too low and not an option. K-6 will be in person.

Dr. Hornak wanted to respond to parents who spoke during public comment regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT) and masking guidelines. Holt Public Schools follow Michigan State Standards, we do not teach CRT, we teach about racism and slavery, but CRT does not fit into the standards. Holt Public is actively working to address PPE guidelines and protocols, and will be following CDC, state of Michigan and our local health department. We do our best to meet the needs of all our students and communicate that to our learning community.

President's Report - President Perry shared that the Board had completed a detailed annual evaluation of Dr. Hornak. He reported the Superintendent is Effective. Invited Dr. Hornak to join us for another year, 3 years in total.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Office Updates - Jessica Cotter presented the Curriculum Office presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

One to One Update – The District is still auditing all the district devices. We know we need chargers. Tech is working through the processes and procedures for distributing, monitoring, collecting, potential insurance options, etc. We will continue to evaluate FTE and hardware needs.

Evaluation Tool Request* - Jessica outlined the evaluation tool request.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Dalton and supported by Trustee Jonesto approve the evaluation tool request as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Spring Benchmarking Data - Mrs. Cotter presented the district benchmarking data.

Extended Learning Opportunity Update -

Summer Updates: High School Learning Recovery and Credit Recovery, Junior High Summer Experience, TK-6 summer sessions

2021-2022 school year: slight increase in FTE at the high school, TK-6 before and after school learning, 7-12 before and after school learning, ESOP initiatives: specific to learning

5th Grade Social Studies Materials* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Dalton to approve the 5TH grade social studies materials as presented not to exceed \$40,000. Motion carried by unanimous support.

6th Grade Social Studies Materials* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the 6th grade social studies materials as presented not to exceed \$47,500. Motion carried by unanimous support.

Information Technology – Student Chromebook and Chromebook Cabinet Purchase* - Kevin Galbraith presented the Board with the information to purchase new student Chromebooks to address Google's update as the old Chromebooks have outlived their shelf life. He is also wanting approval for a storage cabinet for the Chromebooks. A copy of the quote is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the new student Chromebooks s presented. 625 Chromebooks not to exceed \$210,000. Motion carried by unanimous support.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Dalton to approve the 145 Chromebook storage cabinets for the new Chromebooks in an amount not to exceed \$ 30,000.

Trustee Halgren wanted to make sure the school administrators were aware these were coming and there is room for them. Kevin stated most have been made aware. Trustee Halgren's other concern dealt with

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older buildings where the electrical systems may not handle the electricity of the new Chromebooks and carts. He recommended he check with Rick Brown to be sure it is taken into consideration.

Motion carried by unanimous support.

Kevin offered to try to answer questions from the Board regarding issues raised during Jessica Cotter's presentation. President Perry wanted to know what the goal is for response time for tickets into IT. Kevin replied that a 24-hour turnaround time is the goal. They try to reply as quickly as possible. Some items take longer if they require troubleshooting or an escalation to the ISD. If there is a surge of tickets, this can cause a delay, but they try to touch base within 24 hours.

President Perry wanted to know how that went over the past year. Kevin stated at the beginning of the year they were not good at staying within the 24-hour period. The beginning of the year was the kickoff of PowerSchool. The department did much better during the remainder of the year. There are currently less than 20 tickets. They are looking at a new ticketing system as well.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SRO Report - Deputy Belanger presented the Board with his monthly SRO report. A copy of the report is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

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

President Perry asked if there are specific teaching positions that are challenging to fill. Dr. Quinlan stated the Special Education positions are the most challenging

Dependent Care Accounts* - Dr. Quinlan presented the Board with information regarding Dependent Care Accounts.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Dependent Care Accounts short plan year from September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, to get the benefit on the January 1st cycle, which is the same cycle as all other benefit plans. Motion carried by unanimous support.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

2021-2022 New Budget Update* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the 2021-2022 new budget update. Motion carried by unanimous support.

OLD BUSINESS

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Food Service - CEP Update - Dr. Hornak gave the Board the Food Service CEP update. Evan Robertson sent the Board a memorandum with the update. A copy of the memo is on file with the official Board packet materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

Lacrosse Co-op Update - Dr. Hornak updated the Board. The athletic director did have approximately three exchanges regarding a co-op for boy's lacrosse. At this point in the school year, we would not pursue a co-op until we know our own numbers. Dr. Quinlan also reached out to the employee regarding the concern.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau, Secretary

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