

## **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, August 09, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

**Present** - Mark Perry, Amy Dalton, Robert Halgren, Jessie Jones, Kevin Leonard, Mark Perry, David Hornak

**Absent** – Julie Bureau

**Central Office Team Present** – Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Christine Lopez

**CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL APPLICATION DISCUSSION** - Dr. Hornak stated there have been outside groups who have wanted to provide updates or improvements to our facilities. Such as soccer field press box at North Campus provided by the boosters and he wanted the Board to weigh in on this process.

Dr. Rob suggests a price point or cutoff before Board involvement.

Kim Cosgrove suggested a layered approach but anything over \$500 goes to the facilities director and anything over \$1,000 goes to the Board and reviews it in one year. She wants to make sure the facilities director be involved.

Dr. Hornak requested Board feedback before the September meeting.

**BENCHMARKING DISCUSSION** - Steve Netzel wanted to follow-up from the regular meeting from last month when he was unable to attend. Steve stated the hope was to show proficiency or growth on the COVID learning plan. Some things we learned is it is very difficult to benchmark remote learning. Winter math was not benchmarked. In spring we increased participation as we learned more. In a traditional setting this information would be very helpful. Almost all students went down. With that he would not put a lot of value on these data points. Summer Experience will be a great starting point for the coming year. The data does not look good and other districts have data that also does not look good.

We are emphasizing with our teachers that they need to really work on building relationships with the students. Teachers will be observing and getting to know the kids and keying in on the social and emotional piece.

With the balanced calendar there is nothing jumping out at us. Some students had access to their parents/guardians at every moment during the COVID year and others were alone.

Steve mentioned that throughout the year he will be updating the benchmarking. While COVID puts a dent in benchmarking it might also be a good thing.

**OTHER** - Fall athletics began today. Some programs have seen an increase in participation and others have seen a decrease. We are sure COVID plays a role. The inside of the buildings looks great and there are many improvements on the outside of the buildings that are being prepared and ready for school to begin.

In the interest of time for the regular meeting, the Board asked Kim Cosgrove to give her financial report now since there is time left for the Committee of the Whole. She presented her monthly financial report. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

**PRELIMINARY PRE-AUDIT RESULTS** - Kim presented the Preliminary Pre-Audit Results as of June 30, 2021. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Dr. Hornak also updated the Board on the Boys tennis trip. The just started tryouts today and will know by the end of the day Thursday or Friday. The families are responsible for making their own reservations.

**ADJOURNMENT\*** - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous support. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau