

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING – Meeting Minutes (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

HHS NORTH CAMPUS – ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Present: Mark Perry, Amy Dalton, Robert Halgren, Jessie Jones, Kevin Leonard

Absent: Jennifer Robel, Julie Bureau

Central office team present: Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Kim Cosgrove, Matt Morales, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

WELCOME – Dr. Hornak and President Perry welcomed the participants to the workshop and showed appreciation for their hard work.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Trustee Dalton did a land acknowledgement of the land where Holt Public sits. She read the following statement:

We collectively acknowledge that Holt Public Schools occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. In particular, the District resides on Land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. We recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of Michigan's twelve federally-recognized Indian nations, for historic Indigenous communities in Michigan, for Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and for those who were forcibly removed from their Homelands. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Holt Public Schools more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.

SETTING THE STAGE – Dr. Hornak wanted to set the stage for the workshop. He read a book called Empathy is your Superpower and led a discussion on empathy.

MINDFULNESS ACTIVITY – Director of Mental Health, Heather Findley and Christine Lopez lead a mindfulness activity. There was a 2.5 minute guided meditation on mindfulness as part of the activity.

POINTS OF PRIDE – Dr. Hornak asked participants to share points of pride that could be personal, or district related.

CURRICULUM AND DDEI – Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel and Matt Morales walked the team through the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan Summary activity which included reviewing the Board Goals and the Equity Oriented Strategic Plan. The exercise was designed to connect the two.

HUMAN RESOURCES: POLICY CASE STUDIES – Erin Quinlan led the team through some of the most misunderstood Board policies.

FINANCE UPDATE – Kim Cosgrove gave the team a look at the current state of district finances.

BOARD/ADMIN BOOK STUDY – Dr. Hornak provided the participants with the book *Uncomfortable Conversations with A Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho for a book study. The team will have until the MLK Day Board workshop to read it and it will be discussed at that workshop.

FINAL THOUGHTS – Dr. Hornak, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Jones and President Mark Perry shared encouraging final thoughts with the participants.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Leonard and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Bureau, Secretary