

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, January 10, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.

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

Central Office Team Present: Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Mike Dunckel, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

OVERNIGHT, OUT OF STATE, AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS – The Board invited coaches and teachers who have submitted Field Trip Request Forms to attend to have a discussion on student travel with the current COVID situation. In attendance were Kim Reichard, HHS Softball Coach, Janine Baker, German Teacher, Brooke Murphy, Spanish Teacher and Athletic Director, Renee Sadler.

Dr. Hornak stated the students who would be attending the field trips are all at the secondary level meaning they could be vaccinated. He invited the faculty to address their plan if someone were to get COVID on the trip. Kim Reichard stated that they canceled their trip to Florida based on the questions from the Board in October. They will be renting a home in Holland, MI and doing a team bonding overnight trip. The Board will see the updated request for approval at the February meeting.

Janine Baker would be taking her students to Germany and Brooke Murphy taking her students to Costa Rica. Students would take a rapid test 36-48 hours prior to leaving the country. While there they would also test two days prior to leaving. The travel company would be handling the finances of testing while overseas. If someone tested positive, the teacher would stay behind with the sick student and the travel company would pay up to \$2,000 per each person to cover food and lodging. They would be following all CDC guidelines. In addition, the travel company organizes the care and hospitalization for students as part of their package. Extra COVID mitigation protocols will be in place and students and chaperones will be provided two clean masks per day. All students and chaperones must be vaccinated for both trips to attend by the travel company policy. There is a special COVID rider that if they are not able to attend because of COVID they students will get a full refund. If we cancel, the students get a portion of their money back.

The Board would like more information on the Costa Rica trip. Full itinerary, all policies related to the travel and particularly COVID protocols. Christine will get the information from Brooke Murphy and share it with the Board. We will also get the updated Omicron data as well.

DISTRICT SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION – Teacher Neal Cronkite and Steve Netzel represented the Advisory Board with an updated opt-out form for Sex Education they are asking

the Board to adopt in the regular meeting. The major change would be this is an opt-out form only for 7-12. It is already being done 5-6.

CLOSED SESSION* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Halgren for the Board to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268.Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss bargaining unit contract negotiations.

Roll call:

Mark Perry – Yes

Amy Dalton – Yes

Jessie Jones – Yes

Robert Halgren – Yes

Marisa Anderson – Yes

Kevin Leonard – Yes

Jennifer Robel – Yes

Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board entered closed session at 6:20 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary