

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (Approved)**

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

MARGARET LIVENSPIGGER THEATER, HHS MAIN CAMPUS

5885 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

**Monday, February 14, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.**

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

**Central Office and Admin Team Present:** Jessica Cotter, Steve Netzel, Erin Quinlan, Kim Cosgrove, 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 or additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Andrew Harmon. Alumni from 2006. He worked with Ross Hineman, and he'd like to speak to his dedication and work on behalf of the theatre program. This theater meant a lot to him. His passion was lighting, and this dedication would be the best way to remember him and his memory. It would mean so much to his family, theater family, and alumni who worked with him.

Neil Hineman – Father to Ross. He is here to say thank you for the consideration. He wanted to thank all of those who have written letters. Ross spent a good portion of his life in this theater. He spent many years volunteering and supporting students. He worked every aspect. Ross received the humanitarian award from the Board. He was always a model on how to be decent to each other and patient with one another. He always put the needs of others before his own. He stated he hoped someday he can be more like his son.

**FACILITIES REQUEST - Outdoor Classroom** –Dr. Hornak presented the Board with the request from HHS Teacher Michelle Fulton to create a deck to be used as an Outdoor Classroom. She has received funding from numerous sources including a Holt Education Foundation Mini-Grant. It will be a permanent addition and a nice addition to learning space at HHS. Dr. Halgren asked us to have Michelle Fulton get in touch with him to assist with seating. Dr. Hornak stated he wanted to bring it to COW to bring it to their attention. They can take the month to ponder and ask questions and then vote in March unless they are prepared to vote tonight. If so, we can add it to New Business for a vote.

**OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST - HHS DECA International Career Development Conference** – Jassen Dowling explained to the Board that he had students who qualified to attend the DECA Conference, and he would like for the students to be able to attend. A copy of the Overnight Trip Request Form is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

**CHILD CARE GRANT** – Heather Crandall and Jen Phinney gave a presentation on the Child Care Grants they received. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's Office.

**OTHER** –Ingham County Health Department rescinded the emergency order requiring masking in schools. It expired on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The District is on break February 21—25. The students return to the classroom on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There are many other orders at the State level that guide reporting and contract tracing. This includes the MDHHS Safer School Guidance in K-12 settings, the Ingham County Health Department and others. We are currently under-resourced for contract tracing. 63% of the administrators are in support of making it

optional to mask. Federally mandated that masks should be worn on school buses until March 18<sup>th</sup>. If we do optional masking in schools, this does not apply to our school buses. The other challenge is that students who are identified as close contacts must mask while in school.

It was asked if we could support with Google classroom students who are quarantining. Our staff is doing a fantastic job, but teachers are not able to be fully engaged for instruction and are able to only provide limited support and time.

President Perry asked if we knew how the dynamic air filtration systems are working? Dr. Hornak stated we do not have a control, but we are proud of the decision to place them in the buildings. The systems ionize the particles.

Neighboring districts outside of Ingham are doing various things. Howell in Livingston County where there is no masking mandate has lower COVID positive numbers than Holt Public.

Dr. Halgren feels that we do not want to make a hasty decision and how do we readjust if we have an increase in cases again. What threshold would we use?

President Perry stated if we go mask optional, we need a very strict policy.

Dr. Hornak said it is a very tough decision and he sees many perspectives. If the Board does not want to make the decision and leaves it to the Administration, he and his team will make the decisions. If we choose mask optional, there will be language around strongly encouraging masks. There would be strict rules around coming to school sick.

**COMMEMORATIVE NAMING REQUEST** – Jeff Miller presented the Board with a proposal to name the Lighting Control Booth after Ross Hineman. Ross was a 2007 graduate of Holt High School. He spent his entire life at Holt Public. He started Kindergarten at Wilcox and graduated from HHS. He continued to volunteer and work with Jeff Miller with the theater and events program. He loved lighting. He has always been and will always be the best of us. They respectfully request that we commemoratively name the lighting control booth as “The Ross Hineman Lighting Control Booth”.

**BOND INVESTMENTS** – Mike Dunckel gave the Board a presentation on the Bond Investments. A copy of the presentation is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent’s Office.

**CLOSED SESSION\***

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Dalton and supported by Trustee Robel to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268.Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss bargaining unit contract negotiations.

Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 6:46 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to open session at 7:12 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary