

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, February 9, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Dr. Hornak shared some opening thoughts. He shared that our focus remains steady and intentional: ensuring that every student, staff member, and family member experiences a strong and authentic sense of belonging in Holt Public. He also acknowledged that January was School Board Member Appreciation month and how grateful we are for our Board. He shared that February provides us with an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. This is a time for learning, reflection, and appreciation of the many contributions Black Americans have made—and continue to make—to our country, our communities, and our schools.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – We had time left over in the Committee of the Whole meeting, so we moved several items from the Regular meeting agenda to the Committee of the Whole agenda. Therefore, we are removing items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.9.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.2.1, 7.3, 8.2, and we added 8.3 - 25-26 Budget Update*

DISTRICT LIBRARIANS SPOTLIGHT - Bethany Scholten, Horizon Elementary Librarian and Odessa Yoder a Washington Woods student were present to discuss what our librarians and libraries mean for our students.

District Librarian – Bethany Scholten, librarian at Horizon Elementary. Shared how thankful she is to serve as one of our building librarians and she sees students all the time who would otherwise not have access to books. She said she loves to get kids excited about reading and take them on an adventure.

Washington Woods student, Odessa Yoder talked about how awesome it is to have Mr. Grabow serving as the librarian because he makes books, reading and checking out books fun. He is always looking for ways to help our students through reading.

Trustee Caluk wanted to take a moment to recognize her children’s librarian. Her children are bilingual, and the librarian provided them with books in their family’s native language and it meant a lot to her children and their family.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

*Requires Board action

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 Special Meeting of January 19, 2026*

Minutes of the Closed Session of January 19, 2026*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 28, 2026*

Approval of Bills Paid*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Caluk and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Student Board Representative Report – Issac Abouelseoud provided an update about the new semester schedules and getting used to them. He also wanted to share that he is troubled that we have a group of students being targeted and harassed due to the reported HSV1 outbreak. It is bothersome and he is hoping something can be done to support the students. He went to Winterfest and it was very nice, but cold.

Mark Perry, Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) – Chairperson Perry provided an update on the last CIC meeting in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Washington Woods Bond Work Contractor Recommendations* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the Washinton Woods Bond Work Contractor recommendations. Motion carried in the amount of \$8,979,142.

Mark Perry, Finance Committee Meeting - Chairperson Perry shared earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting that there was a recent Finance Committee meeting where they received the 25-26 Budget Update. They also discussed the renewal of the Operating Millage Renewal.

Holt Public Operating Millage Renewal Proposal* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Jones to approve option 1 for the Holt Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. Motion carried.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee, Overnight Trip Requests* - Chairperson Robel shared that there was a meeting held recently to review the Overnight Trip Requests.

HHS Cheer Team Trip to State Cheer Competition* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the HHS Cheer Team trip to the State Competition. Motion carried.

HHS DECA State Leadership Conference Trip* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the HHS DECA State Leadership Conference trip. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak shared highlights of his Superintendent's Report earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Amy Dalton, Curriculum Committee Meeting – President Dalton shared that at a recently held committee meeting they discussed the AP modern language courses being added at the high school.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Curriculum Update - AP French, German, and Spanish Course Approvals* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Robel and supported by Trustee Caluk to approve the AP French, German, and Spanish courses. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Financial Packet – Mike Dunckel shared the Monthly Financial Packet earlier in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

25-26 Budget Update – IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the 25-26 Budget Update as presented not to exceed \$75,225,406. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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