

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 4:30 P.M.

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

Central Office Team Present: Christine Lopez (Jessica Cotter, Erin Quinlan, Mike Dunckel present in the audience)

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM -The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH – FINAL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Adel DiOrio – Began her presentation and Interview at 4:30 pm.

Hal Heard III – Began his presentation and Interview at 5:46 pm.

10 MINUTE RECESS – The Board took a 30-minute recess to review feedback forms.

FINAL SELECTION – Mr. Sieszputowski asked the Board to share their reference check information and their thoughts of the interviews this evening. Each trustee shared information about the reference checks. They also shared their thoughts on each candidate’s interview.

Mr. Sieszputowski asked the Board if they were ready for him to poll the group to share their pick for Superintendent. The Board members were polled and all but one trustee selected Hal Heard. The trustee who voted for Dr. DiOrio said that he was truly split down the middle and wanted to change his vote to Mr. Heard.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Leonard to enter contract negotiations with Hal Heard for the position of Superintendent of Holt Public Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Jones – Yes

Robel – Yes

Perry – Yes

Leonard – Yes

Caluk – Yes

Halgren – Yes

Dalton – Yes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mike Winkle – was disappointed and felt that Adel would have been the one to move us forward. He thanked Trustee Leonard for moving to a unanimous decision. He appreciated the work

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that the Board did. He believes they believe they made the decision based on what you think is right for Holt Public Schools.

OTHER – Trustee Caluk thanked the community for being here and engaging in the process.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary

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