

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, June 8, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Central Office Team Present: Jessica Cotter, Mike Dunckel, Teryn Henderson, Melissa Stuard, Christine Lopez

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Opening Comments – Dr. Hornak shared opening comments. He shared that the end of school year is an exciting time around the district. It also serves as a reminder of what makes Holt Public so special. It is the strong sense of belonging that defines us. It is the way our students, staff, families, and community continue to care, support, and encourage one another to succeed. He also shared how encouraged he is about the future of Holt Public. He has spent a considerable amount of time working alongside incoming Superintendent, Hal Heard III. With every conversation, meeting, and phone call he grows more excited for our learning community.

He shared that as he is preparing to step away from his role as Superintendent, he does so with a full heart and profound gratitude. His dreams came true in this community. Holt Public will always be a part of who he is, and he will forever be thankful for the privilege to serve this extraordinary district, alongside extraordinary people for so many years.

STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Spencer Eaton, Band Teacher and the Washington Woods 6th Grade Band – Mrs. Merritt introduced Mr. Eaton. She shared how fortunate our students are to have him be the band teacher and beyond the “bandness” he is such a great advocate for all students.

Mr. Eaton shared that this is his second year and it has been so much fun getting to work with the students. He brought several students with him to showcase the program, and they played a couple of songs.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Harold Pope shared that he is running for Kara Hope’s seat and has been in the Lansing area since 2008. He’s a long-time volunteer in the community, has served in various roles and would like to continue his service to the community by serving as our state representative.

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2026*

*Requires Board action

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026*
Approval of Bills Paid*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and Trustee Leonard to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Issac Abouelsoud, Student Board Representative Report - Absent

Mark Perry, Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) – They realized that the lights at the Junior High would need to have updated wiring which would cost approximately \$500,000. They are looking at alternatives. They were not planning on it being so expensive. Granger's completion date for Series 1 is June 30th.

Mark Perry, Finance Committee – We reviewed the 26-27 Budget that Mike and Alexis will share with you this evening. We also discussed the electric bus contract, and he shared his appreciation for all the work Alexis put into the contract updates. The debt millage is going down in our district. In addition, the Pay to Participate fees are being reduced in the 26-27 school year.

Robert Halgren, Building & Grounds Committee – They also met recently and discussed the electric bus contract.

Kevin Leonard, Justice, Belonging, Culture, and Well-Being Committee -We are looking to expand the district team to bring in some other key players across the district. We also covered the results of the District Equity Audit. We were all surprised that we came in higher in some areas than we anticipated.

Jessie Jones, Personnel and Salary Committee – We met last week to review the memo regarding some non-bargaining wage adjustments.

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee*
Due Process Hearings for Student T, U, V, W, X, Y*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student T. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student U. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student V. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student W. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student X. Motion carried.

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IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for Student Y. Motion carried.

Reinstatement Hearing* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the recommendation for a student the committee recently saw for a reinstatement hearing. The student is approved to return in the fall of 2026-27. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Leonard to uphold the original disciplinary determination made at the Due Process hearing for the student appeal we heard during the Committee of the Whole.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Hornak reflected on his service to Holt Public Schools and shared some data points and milestones accomplished during his tenure. He shared that spring was especially emotional as every annual event represented a “last” event for him as Superintendent. He shared that he now has a sense of peace that comes from knowing Holt Public is in very good hands with incoming Superintendent, Hal Heard, III.

He thanked the Board members – past and present for their guidance, support, partnership and belief in him over his many years.

Looking forward, he is looking forward to prioritizing time with his family in ways that the profession often makes difficult. He expressed deep gratitude for his partner, Anne, and to Oliva and Max for sharing him with Holt Public Schools for the past 32 years. He also said that no Superintendent succeeds alone. Every accomplishment we celebrate tonight was built through collective effort, trust and a shared commitment to students.

In closing he wanted to share his appreciation for the current executive office team as well as those who have retired before him. He also wanted to give special thanks to Christine Lopez for being an outstanding work partner.

President's Report - Monthly Commemorative, Cultural and Celebratory Events for the month of June include Pride Month, Alzheimer's Awareness Month Black Music Month, Caribbean Heritage Month, World Ocean Day, Juneteenth, and World Refugee Day.

As we close the school year President Dalton wanted to highlight all the great events that have place across the district over the school year.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Non-Bargaining Wage Adjustments* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the non-bargaining wage adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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Truth & Taxation Hearing – Mike Dunckel read the Truth in Taxation Hearing information. A copy of the hearing information is on file with the official Board meeting materials located in the Superintendent's office.

Truth & Taxation Public Comment – There was no public comment.

26-27 General Fund Revised Budget* IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to approve the 26-27 General Fund Revised Budget. Motion carried.

26-27 Food Service Fund Revised Budget* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the 26-27. Motion carried.

26-27 Construction Fund Revised Budget* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the 26-27 Construction Fund Revised Budget. Motion carried.

26-27 Debt Service Fund Revised Budget*- IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the 26-27 Debt Service Fund Revised Budget. Motion carried.

26-27 Internal Service Fund Revised Budget* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the 26-27 Internal Service Fund Revised Budget. Motion carried.

Headlee Renewal Ballot Language Resolution* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the Headlee Renewal Ballot Language as presented. Motion carried.

Wilcox Elementary Gym Tectum Panel Purchase* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the Wilcox Elementary Gym Tectum Panel Purchase in the amount of \$44,000. Motion carried.

Series 4 – North Campus SD Estimate and Drawings* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Perry and supported by Trustee Halgren to approve the North Campus SD Estimate and Drawings. Motion carried.

Highland Fleet Contract Approval* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the Highland Fleet Contract as presented in the amount of \$200,000.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – President Dalton wanted to acknowledge the outstanding service provided by Dr. Hornak for the past 32 years, with the past 11 years as the Superintendent. She expressed her sincere appreciation for all of his accomplishments and all that he has done for the Board, students, staff and families of Holt Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary