

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIMONDALE AND HOLT, MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5780 WEST HOLT ROAD, HOLT

Monday, April 13, 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, Erin Quinlan, Mike Dunckel, Melissa Stuard

CALL TO ORDER – QUORUM; Pledge of Allegiance, Mission/Vision Statement -

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -Remove items 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.7, 6.8, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.1.

Add items 11.1 27L LOA, 11.2 New Board Sub Committee

Dr. Hornak asked to make some Reflective Comments – I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to our Board of Education for the thoughtful, thorough, and intentional process undertaken to select our next superintendent. This was not only a significant decision for our district, but one that reflects the Board’s deep commitment to our students, staff, and community. I am grateful for the care, time, and leadership demonstrated throughout.

I also want to share that I remain in regular contact with Mr. Heard and look forward to supporting him in a smooth and successful transition. His leadership will be important as we continue building on the strong foundation that defines our district.

At the heart of who we are is our unwavering focus on creating a strong sense of belonging. We strive to ensure that every student, staff member, and family feels seen, valued, and included. That sense of connection is what makes our district special. We know that it takes each of us to make a difference for all of us, and together, we are better.

This is also a season of celebration across our district. In the weeks ahead, we will see a number of banquets, recognitions, and awards ceremonies that highlight the incredible achievements of our students and staff. It is truly one of the most exciting times of the year.

Tonight is also one of the highlights of our year. We will be hearing from our administrators as they recommend members of their staff for tenure. This is truly one of the best Board meetings we have, as we get the opportunity to hear firsthand the incredible impact our educators and staff are making each day. It is a celebration of dedication, excellence, and the difference our people make in the lives of students.

TEACHER TENURE RECOGNITION* -

Brock Moore – Teacher at Dimondale Elementary School

Kaeley Coleman – Teacher at Dimondale Elementary School

Billie Jo Olcheske – Teacher at Elliott Elementary School

*Requires Board action

Rebecca Urban – Teacher at Elliott Elementary School
Tom Wagner - Teacher at Elliott Elementary School
Robert McCay – Teacher at Holt High School
Andrew Masarik - Teacher at Holt Junior High School
Renee Wall - Teacher at Holt Junior High School
Tara Williams - Teacher at Holt Junior High School
Khad Crabbe - Teacher at Horizon Elementary School
Danielle Howell - Teacher at Horizon Elementary School
Julia Vela - Teacher at Horizon Elementary School
Haley Feldpausch-Lubaroff - Teacher at Horizon Elementary School
Aubrie Linskey – School-based Speech-Language Pathologist in Student Services
Shannon Marschall - School-based Speech-Language Pathologist in Student Services
Abby Bosworth – Teacher at Sycamore Elementary School
Katie Meyer – Teacher at Sycamore Elementary School
Spencer Eaton - Teacher at Washington Woods Middle School
Patricia Bacon - Teacher at Wilcox Elementary School

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Robel to approve the 2026 Teacher Tenure as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jill Rusnak – Wanted to revisit the Board after she came in November to make them aware of her son who endured repeated verbal and physical abuse by the same student. She also shared that there was a no contact order in place, but the other student kept violating it. She wanted to update the Board to share that the bullying continued and their son was evaluated for anxiety in December. She received a call stating that her son’s bully was openly bragging and openly admitting to his treatment of my son. Her son has been fearful of attending school and riding the bus. The difficult decision was made to remove him from band. He deserved to be supported and honored and celebrated in band and to see his senior banner in the stadium for senior night.

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 March 9, 2026*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 11, 2026*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 12, 2026*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 19, 2026*

Approval of Bills Paid*

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Issac Abouelsoud, Student Board Representative Report – Issac was not present.

* Requires Board action

Jessie Jones, Policy Committee – Spring 2026 Policy Update – Chairperson Jones shared that the Policy Committee recently held a Policy committee meeting to go over the Spring 26 Policy Update. Tonight will be a first reading and the Board will have a second reading and adoption at the May meeting.

PO100 - Definitions

PO1410 - New Staff Ethics

PO2370.01 - Online Learning/Blended Learning Program

PO2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information

PO2417 - Revised Comprehensive School Health Education

PO2418 - Sex Education

PO3120.09 - Rescind Volunteers

PO4120.09 - Rescind Volunteers

PO4210 - Staff Ethics

PO5136 - Replacement Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs)

PO6220 – Budget Preparation

PO6320 – Purchasing

PO63325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds

PO8402 – Revised Emergency Operations

PO8655 – New Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs

Jennifer Robel, Transportation and Safety Committee – Chairperson Roble shared that the committee recently held due process hearings for Student J, K, L*

The following committee recommendations were unanimous.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to expel Student J for 64 school days. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to expel Student K for 110 school days. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Leonard to a long-term suspension of 57 days for Student L. Motion carried.

DISTRICT DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Midway Outdoor Classroom Structure* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Perry to award the bid for the contract to Gordon Construction Services in the amount of \$90,000. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS -11.1 27L Letter of Agreement – IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Jones and supported by Trustee Caluk to approve the 27L Letter of Agreement for the MEA and Teamsters.

* Requires Board action

New Subcommittee – Trustee Caluk will chair the new Student Experience Committee. President Dalton and Trustee Jones will also serve on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT* - IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Halgren and supported by Trustee Robel to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Jones, Secretary