

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 13, 2023 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
1019 McHugh Road
Holmen, Wisconsin 54636**

01. CALL TO ORDER by J. Dieck, Board President

02. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

03. ROLL CALL by M. Smith, Board Clerk

Board members present were Barb Wuensch, Krystal Lee (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, and Bridget Todd-Robbins. Khadijah Islam was excused.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President

With six Board members present, J. Dieck declared a quorum.

05. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agenda for the November 13, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Patrick Barlow of 907 Dana Lane in Holmen addressed the Board regarding the proposed 2024-25 school year start date.

07. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU

7.1 Block Party Check Presentation

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller and Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman presented Michael Linse and Kevin Baird of the Holmen Area Foundation with a ceremonial check for \$3500 for funds raised by the District Leadership Team. The Holmen Area Foundation and Holmen Booster Club raised a total of \$6678 at the first annual Block Party held September 22. Funds raised will help support the School District of Holmen.

7.2 Recognition of WIAA Officials

Activities Directors Jason Luloff and Ben Tashner thanked WIAA sports officials for their involvement with the fall sports season.

7.3 American Education Week (November 13-17, 2023)

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller invited the Board to join school districts across the country and proclaim Nov. 13-17 as American Education Week. This celebration presents an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in the education of children.

7.4 National School Psychologist Week (November 6-10, 2023)

Dr. Mueller recognized District school psychologists Bobbi Jo Loomis, Cory Mueller, Laura Pernsteiner, Lisa Hesch, Necole Kalandar, and Nicole Osgood as part of National School Psychologist Week.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 HHS Gymnasium Bleacher Bid

J. Luloff presented for approval on the November 27 consent agenda the recommendation to award the bid for new bleachers in Gym A/B and an alternate bid for portable bleachers in auxiliary gyms to H&B Specialized Products for a total of \$268,613 funded through General Fund 10-Fund Balance. J. Luloff stated the bid for demolition and disposal of the current bleachers would be reopened.

8.2 Middle School Construction Bids

Director of Facility Services Chad Brandau presented for approval on tonight's consent agenda the results of the middle school addition and remodel bids with recommendations to approve the offers of the lowest bidders in each of the thirteen work scopes and five alternate bids. The bid totals were \$4,715,467 under the estimated budget at a total of \$23,973,977.

8.3 Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Report

Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards shared data about the WSAS results, which include Wisconsin Forward Exam, Dynamic Learning Maps, and the ACT Suite. K. Edwards detailed celebrations as well as opportunities for growth and steps for improvement to address each.

8.4 Resolution for Modification of School Start Date for 2024-25

Dr. Mueller presented for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation for a resolution for modification of school start date for the 2024-25 school year. If the resolution is approved by the Board, the resolution and a request to start the 2024-25 school year prior to September 1 will be submitted to the DPI and Dr. Mueller would present a recommendation for the 2024-25 school year calendar at the November 27 Board meeting.

8.5 Contract for Speech & Language Services

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented the recommendation to approve the contract for speech and language services required to fill a position for a staff member on leave. This item will appear on tonight's agenda.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the November 13, 2023 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: October 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Middle School Construction Bids; Resolution for Modification of School Start Date for 2024-25; Contract for Speech & Language Services; and Second Readings of Board Policies: 2451 Program or Curriculum Modifications, 2531 Copyrighted Works, 5310 Health Services, 5540 The Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 5722 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions, 5730 Equal Access for Nondistrict-Sponsored Student Clubs and Activities, 8410 Crisis Intervention, 8800 Religious Activities and Observances, 8802 Patriotic Activities and Observances, and 9500 Relations with Educational Institutions and Organizations. Motion made by B. Wuensch and seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried. Dr. Mueller recognized Sandra Bettsworth, Head Custodian at Evergreen, whose retirement appeared on a recent consent agenda.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

B. Wuensch reported the DEI Committee met tonight and completed a lot of work in developing the DEI commitment statement. The Committee hopes to forward a recommendation for a statement to the Board after the December meeting.

K. Lee gave a shout out to all teachers and staff and wished all involved in winter activities good luck. She stated she attended tonight's DEI Committee meeting and echoed comments by B. Wuensch.

C. Lau stated there will be a Policy Committee meeting on November 27. He recognized the HMS theater group for their work on the fall play. He added over 50 students were involved in last weekend's performances of *The Phantom Tollbooth*. C. Lau reported that he attended the WASB legislative conference and will share information received with the Board on declining school enrollment, public opinion in public schools, effective board governance, and upcoming changes in regards to Act 20.

L. Nied thanked P. Barlow for speaking tonight and encouraged community members with questions to share their questions and perspectives at Board meetings.

M. Smith expressed gratitude to the WIAA officials and school psychologists recognized tonight. M. Smith acknowledged efforts by schools to recognize veterans on Veterans Day and said Evergreen provided a tribute to retiring head custodian and veteran Sam Bettsworth.

B. Todd-Robbins gave kudos to J. Lulloff, saying that she has heard many positives from parents and students about the recent winter activities code meeting and his efforts to build a positive culture. She added this shows Holmen has a well-rounded school district.

J. Dieck stated that she attended the Veterans Day assembly at Sand Lake and it was a great way to honor veterans and educate students. She continued that she will be attending the Breakfast Buddies event tomorrow at Sand Lake and will read to a third grade classroom. J. Dieck also thanked officials for supporting Holmen sports and school psychologists for their work.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 Board Self-Evaluation

10.4 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. November 27, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting, 5pm
- b. November 27, 2023 Board Meeting, 7pm
- c. December 11, 2023 DEI Committee Meeting, 5pm
- d. December 11, 2023 Board Meeting, 7pm
- e. January 8, 2024 Board Meeting, 7pm

f. January 17-19, 2024 State Education Convention – Milwaukee

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 at 8:21 p.m.
Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Todd-Robbins. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Smith", is written in dark ink.