

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 8, 2024, 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 Jennifer Dieck, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, and Krystal Lee (Student Representative). 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 January 8, 2024 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the Board.

07. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU

7.1 DBS Group Donation

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller thanked DBS Group for their donation of \$1,500 to School District of Holmen (District) elementary schools. The donation corresponded with a food drive at each school that brought in food for Holmen's Hope.

7.2 Ashley for the Arts Donation

Dr. Mueller recognized Ashley for the Arts for the organization's donation of \$20,350 to programs in the School District of Holmen. In return for volunteering at their annual festival, the band, show choir, cross country, dance, Cyclones hockey, football, and Prairie View Elementary art programs all received funds.

7.3 Bernie Buchner Mechanical Donation

Dr. Mueller thanked Bernie Buchner Mechanical for donating a total of \$2,500 in Festival and fuel gift cards for District social workers to distribute to families in need.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 DEI Commitment Statement

Dr. Mueller, along with DEI Committee and Board members Barb Wuensch and Bridget Todd-Robbins presented the committee's recommendation for a diversity, equity, and inclusion commitment statement. The adoption of this commitment statement will appear on the January 22 consent agenda. Dr. Mueller thanked committee members for their work.

8.2 Viking Elementary Construction Bids

Director of Facility Services Chad Brandau presented to the Board for consideration on tonight's consent agenda the lowest bidder for each of the project work scopes. If approved tonight, contracts would be awarded to Olympic Builders for work scope 1 and alternate bid 1, Wieser Brothers for work scope 2, Schwickert Tecta for work scope 3, One Call Construction and Glass for work scope 4, Midwest Tileworks for work scope 5, PCI Austad for work scope 6, Swanson Flooring for work scopes 7 and 13, The Fire Group for work scope 8, Coulee Region Mechanical for work scope 9, Winona Controls for work scope 10, B&B Electric, Inc. for work scope 11, Bernie Buchner for work scope 12, and Midwest Fluid Balance for the TAB. The combined total for the lowest bid work scopes and alternate bid received is \$10,441,989, which is \$892,689 under the estimated project budget.

8.3 Anticipated Spaces for New Open Enrolled

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on January 22 the anticipated spaces for 2024-25 open enrollment as follows: 4K through 12th grade – unlimited. Currently-

attending students will be guaranteed approval and placed according to Board Policy 5113. Siblings of currently attending students shall be granted preference in the random selection process according to Board Policy 5113. Anticipated spaces available for students requesting open enrollment for the following 18-21 year old transition programs: Project LIVE – 0, Project Bridge – 1, and Project SEARCH – 10. Anticipated spaces available for students requesting open enrollment for Cross Categorical programming in the following schools/programs: Evergreen - 4, Sand Lake - 2, Early Childhood Special Education – 6, and all other schools are open. Students with special education needs requesting open enrollment into the District who require 1:1 adult support for the entirety of the school day will be denied. There are no anticipated spaces for students with speech and language services, occupational therapy services and/or physical therapy services requesting open enrollment into the District. There are no anticipated spaces for students with a disability-related need requiring crisis intervention for lagging skills in behavior.

8.4 Educational Options – 2015 WI Act 55 Notice Reminder

Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards presented to the Board for approval on January 22 the class 1 notice describing all educational options available to children who reside in the District, as well as notification about the District’s accountability report. The notice will be published in the La Crosse Tribune on January 23, 2024.

8.5 Field Experience Contract

a. Western Governors University

Kim Edwards presented to the Board for approval on July 25 the recommendation to approve the field experience contract for Western Governors University. The agreement would begin January 22, 2024 and expire January 21, 2027.

8.6 WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement: Girls Hockey

Holmen High School Activities Director Jason Lulloff presented to the Board for consent on January 22 the recommendation to renew the WIAA cooperative agreement for girls hockey through the 2025-26 school year.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the January 8, 2024 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: November 27 and December 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Audit Report – 2022-23 Financial Statements & Management Letter; Viking Elementary Construction Bids; and Second Readings of Board Policies: po 6110 Federal Funds, 6114 Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds, 6151 Returned/Outstanding/Stale Checks, 6325 Procurement – Federal Funds/Grants, 6440 Cooperative Purchasing, 6620 Petty Cash, 6630 Cash Handling and Deposits, 6700 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and 6830 Audit. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

C. Lau stated that he and other Board members will attend the State Education Convention next week. He added that it is an honor and a privilege to attend the event with great content and speakers. He thanked the District for this learning opportunity.

L. Nied said she is also looking forward to the convention.

M. Smith recognized retired Holmen High School Teacher Roger King for being awarded the National Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

B. Todd-Robbins stated that it is an honor to be a part of the DEI Committee and is proud of its work to put forth the statement recommended tonight.

B. Wuensch reported the DEI Committee met tonight and is working to narrow short and long term goals, which will be brought forth to the Board as a recommendation for the DEI long-range plan.

K. Lee stated that it is an honor to provide a student and minority perspective on the DEI Committee. She added that she appreciates listening to all perspectives. K. Lee thanked the Tri-M Club for their musical involvement in the community and thanked the club’s advisors and officers for finding opportunities for students. She reported it is a special month for the HSO as the club is hosting its annual eggroll fundraiser. K. Lee stated the yearbook committee is working hard to determine this year’s theme and reach out to sponsors.

J. Dieck thanked all in the DEI Committee for their hard work on the commitment statement and their continued work on the long-range plan recommendations. J. Dieck thanked the Mistletoe Market for helping community members with last minute holiday shopping. She added that she is looking forward to attending the state education convention to connect with other districts and stay current on best practices.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

- a. November 13, 2023 DEI Committee Notes
- 10.4 Verification of Candidacy and Ballot Order
 - M. Smith drew lots for the placement of candidate names on the April 2, 2024 spring election ballot as follows:
(1) Chris Lau, (2) Mike Durnin, and (3) Jennifer Dieck.
- 10.5 WASB Resolutions
- 10.6 Board Meeting Schedule
 - a. January 17-19, 2024 State Education Convention – Milwaukee
 - b. January 22, 2024 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
 - c. January 22, 2024 Board Workshop, 5:30 p.m.
 - d. January 22, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
 - e. February 7, 2024 Board Workshop, 5 p.m.
 - f. February 12, 2024 DEI Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
 - g. February 12, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of January 8, 2024 at 7:34 p.m.
Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Todd-Robbins. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

