

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 12, 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 Chris Lau, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Krystal Lee (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, and Khadijah Islam. Lindsay Nied 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 February 12, 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 Wisconsin School Bus Driver Appreciation Week (Feb. 12-16, 2024)

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller invited the Board to join school districts across Wisconsin and proclaim February 12-16, 2024 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Dr. Mueller recognized the entire Transportation Department for all they do to ensure safe and timely transportation of our students.

7.2 National FFA Recognition Week (Feb. 17-24, 2024)

Dr. Mueller acknowledged National FFA Week is celebrated February 17-24, 2024 and recognized the Holmen High School (HHS) Future Farmers of America club.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 Holmen High School Student Council Update

HHS Student Council members Daniel Ott, Quinn Moldenhauer, Hailey Olson, Abigail Holthe, and Emily Voss shared with the Board a mid-year update of the organization including the implementation of the staff parking program, continuation of the stand out student recognition, and expansion of blood drives. The group reported all members attended a fall leadership conference and continued their contributions to Homecoming celebrations.

8.2 School District of Holmen Student Services – Counselors Update

HHS counselors Kelli Korneta, Amanda Jensen, Hanna Niccum, and Lindsey Seipp shared with the Board regarding services provided and challenges faced.

8.3 Unusually Hazardous Transportation

Director of Transportation Dan Garrett and Assistant Director Andrea Gaulke presented to the Board for report only the latest draft of the District's Unusually Hazardous Transportation (UHT) plan required to receive funding for transportation of students in UHT areas within two miles of their school. The two explained the UHT process, steps completed, and next steps. The plan does not necessarily determine areas where the District will provide transportation, but is required to receive eligible funding. Once approved by the sheriff's office, the final UHT plan will be brought to the Board for approval and then submitted to the DPI.

8.4 Prairie View Elementary Boiler Replacement Bids

Director of Facility Services Chad Brandau presented to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to award the bid for the boiler replacement at Prairie View Elementary to low bidder Johnson Controls, with a bid of \$228,000.00. This project will be funded by the Prairie View sinking fund and 2023-24 Facility Services budget.

8.5 WIAA Boys Lacrosse Co-Op – New Sport

HHS Activities Director Jason Lulloff presented to the Board for consent on February 26 the recommendation to approve the WIAA boys lacrosse co-op agreement. Lacrosse was recently sanctioned by the WIAA and this would be a new sport offered by HHS. A co-op for girls lacrosse was not presented because there is not currently enough participants for a team.

8.6 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Director of Safety & Student Services Jennifer Gimmer presented to the Board a report of the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 2022-23 results for HHS. Results for Holmen Middle School have not yet been released. J. Gimmer highlighted areas of improved results, as well as new initiatives to address identified areas of need.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the February 12, 2024 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: January 8, 2024 Board Meeting and January 8, 2024 Board Workshop Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, and Prairie View Elementary Boiler Replacement Bids. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried. Dr. Mueller recognized the retirements of the following staff members included on recent personnel reports: Amy Kobs, Lori Volkman, Tina Thompson, Lance Boe, Anne Markos, and Sandi Thompson-Melby.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

C. Lau stated the Policy Committee will meet March 18 before the Candidate Forum. He thanked the counselors for presenting tonight and for all of their work. He continued that the YRBS data is always enlightening and it is bittersweet to hear of the retirements. C. Lau thanked J. Lulloff for his presentation of the lacrosse co-op, adding that once this opportunity is available, participation numbers will explode.

M. Smith joked that it is appropriate for La Crosse County to support the sport of lacrosse. She thanked drivers and the transportation team, school counselors, and all other presenters. She echoed the congratulations to retirees and wished all the best.

B. Todd-Robbins concurred with the sentiments of C. Lau and M. Smith. She gave a special shout out to K. Lee and D. Ott. She stated their participation on the DEI Committee, their insight, and willingness to share are amazing. B. Todd-Robbins congratulated Q. Moldenhauer for her recent DECA achievement and wished the two HMS students well at the state spelling bee.

B. Wuensch reported the DEI Committee met tonight and made great progress on a DEI long-range plan. The District is already doing a lot of things right, providing a good foundation for the plan, but there is still a great deal of work to do. B. Wuensch recognized the two HHS bowlers that are advancing to state. She encouraged all to vote for Mrs. Wopat and the District Nutrition Services Team, both of whom are nominated for the Best of La Crosse County. B. Wuensch thanked the transportation team and said it is special that Holmen continues to have its own bus service.

K. Lee echoed the comments of those before her. She said as a member of the DEI Committee, she feels as if there has been a lot of development and good conversation. She looks forward to moving on and bringing a better future. K. Lee commended the Student Council on a great presentation and the stand out student program. She thanked HHS counselors for all they do and the good impact they make. She asked all to wish good luck to those competing in solo and ensemble on Saturday.

K. Islam gave a shout out to counselors and thanked them for recognizing that it is hard to learn when you are stressed. She said their work speaks to their level of commitment and support of students. K. Islam stated Holmen has a culture of willingness to continue to do better. She thanked the Transportation Department for their presentation and thanked drivers. She added that she knows drivers work hard and managing children while driving takes a special talent. K. Islam wished the retirees well and stated some were her teachers.

J. Dieck gave a shout out to the Transportation Department, thanking them for keeping students safe. She stated she appreciated all of tonight's presentations and thanked retirees for their service.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. February 26, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- b. February 26, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- c. March 6, 2024 Board Workshop, 5 p.m.
- d. March 11, 2024 DEI Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- e. March 11, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- f. March 18, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

g. March 18, 2024 Candidate Forum, 7 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of February 12, 2024 at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by B. Wuensch. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

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