

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 26, 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 Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, and Chris Lau. Excused was Krystal Lee (Student Representative).

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

With seven 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 26, 2024 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

**06. VISIT WITH STATE SENATOR BRAD PFAFF**

State Senator Brad Pfaff thanked School District of Holmen staff and board members for supporting education. He reported the 2023-25 biennial budget was passed with additional spending for education and mental health, but felt the State could have done better. Senator Pfaff provided an update on ongoing legislation on childcare and water quality. Senator Pfaff addressed questions regarding legislation around Act 20, Office of School Safety funding, Healthy School Meals, Healthy Youth Act, truancy, and community-based 4K programs.

**07. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one addressed the Board.

**08. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

8.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller reported winter co-curricular sports are wrapping up successful seasons and Holmen High School is advancing 104 students to the State Solo & Ensemble competition. She noted National History Day took place last week and congratulated two middle school students on advancing to the State Spelling Bee. Dr. Mueller reminded all the Candidate Forum will be held March 18 at 7 p.m.

8.2 Police Liaison Report

**09. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU**

9.1 National School Breakfast Week (March 4-8, 2024)

Dr. Mueller noted the District will recognize National School Breakfast Week March 4-8, 2024 and thanked the Nutrition Services staff, led by Michael Gasper, for providing quality breakfasts to students.

9.2 Holmen Middle School 2024 Model PLC at Work Recognition

Dr. Mueller congratulated HMS as it was one of 122 middle schools nationally to be named as a 2024 Model PLC at Work school by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement.

**10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

10.1 2022 Referendum Update: Elementary Playgrounds

Principals Nick Weber, Matt Meyers, Rachel Fawver, and Nina Swanson presented to the Board renderings of playground updates planned for District elementary schools as part of the 2022 referendum. Construction is planned for this summer at Sand Lake, Prairie View, and Viking and summer 2025 for Evergreen.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the February 26, 2024 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: January 22, 2024 Board Meeting and January 22, 2024 Board Workshop Minutes, Personnel Report,

Financial Claims and Accounts, Budget Status Reports, and WIAA Boys Lacrosse Co-Op – New Sport. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

**12. BOARD DEBRIEF**

12.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

L. Nied reported the Policy Committee met tonight and reviewed policies on finance, property, and operations.

M. Smith congratulated the HMS team on their recognition as a 2024 Model PLC at Work School. She thanked HHS for the steps to make graduation more inclusive and recognized the school breakfast program. M. Smith reported she presented to the PATCH program with other area school board members regarding leadership.

B. Todd-Robbins stated that there have been many amazing things happening in the District. She recognized HMS administrators and teachers for their work with National History Day adding that students benefit from the analytical and organizational skills learned.

B. Wuensch noted that Gov. Evers proclaimed this week as Public Schools Week and said it serves as a good reminder to be proud of all we are doing in Holmen.

K. Islam thanked the elementary principals for presenting on the proposed playgrounds and thanked Senator Pfaff for visiting. She continued that Board members have a distinct place in politics.

C. Lau thanked Senator Pfaff for his insights and support of public education. He congratulated the winter co-curricular teams on successful seasons and thanked the elementary principals for their presentation. He relayed he is familiar with the effort and time that goes into planning a playground and thanked the principals for their work. C. Lau encouraged all to attend the ASL floor hockey’s first playoff game of the season at 3:45 tomorrow at HHS.

J. Dieck also thanked Senator Pfaff for his visit and said having legislators here is valuable. She congratulated HMS as a 2024 Model PLC at Work school and recognized the Nutrition Services team during national school breakfast week.

12.2 Correspondence received

12.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

a. January 8, 2024 DEI Committee Notes

12.4 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. March 6, 2024 Board Workshop, 5 p.m.
- b. March 11, 2024 DEI Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- c. March 11, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- d. March 18, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- e. March 18, 2024 Candidate Forum, 7 p.m.
- f. March 20, 2024 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- g. April 2, 2024 Spring Election

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby moves to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in this case the district administrator’s evaluation. Moved by M. Smith and seconded by C. Lau. Roll call vote: Lindsay Nied-yes, Maggie Smith-yes, Bridget Todd-Robbins-yes, Barb Wuensch-yes, Jennifer Dieck-yes, Khadijah Islam-yes, Chris Lau-yes. Motion carried.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of February 26, 2024 at 8:53 p.m. Moved by M. Smith. Seconded C. Lau. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

