

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 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 Keiven Zielke (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, and Barb Wuensch.

**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 August 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 2023-24 Friends of Education

Administrators and Board members shared words of appreciation as they recognized the 2023-24 Friends of Education. The dedication of time and talents of these volunteers is a priceless contribution to the District. Congratulations are in order for Shannon Schneider (Holmen High School), Barb Johnson and the Holmen Area Historical Society (Holmen Middle School), Nick & Kristine Schellenger (Evergreen Elementary), Andrea Noddings, Hilary Dummer, Robyn Niederkorn (Prairie View Elementary), Joan Chodur and Carla Lang (Sand Lake Elementary), Jessica Goryl (Viking Elementary), and Judi Thompson (Holmen Public Preschool).

7.2 National School Public Relations Association Awards of Merit

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller recognized Communication Specialist Travis Judell for receiving two Awards of Merit in the video category from the National School Public Relations Association.

**08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

8.1 2022 Referendum: Construction Update

School District of Holmen principals Ryan Vogler, Nina Swanson, Sue Eitland, Dr. Nick Weber, Matt Meyers, and Sarah Thompson provided updates of construction taking place in their buildings as part of the 2022 referendum and thanked all for their support of our schools.

8.2 Wisconsin Pathways to First-Year Student/Freshmen Admission

Holmen High School Principal Wayne Sackett, along with Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards, presented on the three pathways available to first-year undergraduates for admission to the Universities of Wisconsin including traditional admission, Direct Admit Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Guarantee. The two encouraged high school families to reach out to counselors to help them plan for their postgraduate goals.

8.3 Staffing Update: Educational Assistants

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to approve the addition of one 3.5-hour special education assistant and two 4-hour transportation education assistants to meet student needs.

**09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the August 12, 2024 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: July 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, and Staffing Update: Educational Assistants. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

## 10. BOARD DEBRIEF

### 10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

K. Zielke congratulated the Friends and Education and T. Judell. He said he hoped students are having a great summer and are excited for the new school year.

K. Islam stated the Friends of Education meeting is fun and thanked all the volunteers recognized. She added that it shows the strong sense of community when people are willing to show up and engage with schools, even if they don't have a student in the class. She continued the construction looks daunting, but cool and commended principals for keeping track of the projects.

C. Lau stated that the Friends of Education meeting is one of the best nights for the school board and congratulated volunteers. He said T. Judell does a great job of telling the story of the District and we are happy to have him.

L. Nied congratulated T. Judell, stating he does amazing work to keep us all updated. L. Nied congratulated those honored tonight and thanked all the people volunteering behind the scenes.

M. Smith concurred with the comments of other Board members.

B. Todd-Robbins echoed the sentiments of others. She noted the Board participated in a workshop tonight and said it is amazing to see all the hard work leadership, administration, and staff put into ensuring progress on the District Dashboard.

B. Wuensch stated she has received many positive comments from community members about the construction, especially regarding the new playgrounds. She also reported hearing more positive comments regarding summer school offerings than she has before. She thanked all involved.

J. Dieck thanked the Friends of Education and said they are appreciated. She thanked and congratulated T. Judell. J. Dieck recognized the hard work and flexibility of staff involved with the construction throughout the summer. She reported that she observed the reunification drill earlier this month and could not speak highly enough about the District Leadership Team's collaboration and ability to work through situations together. She recognized the Onalaska Police Department for their involvement, as well.

### 10.2 Correspondence received

### 10.3 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. August 19, 2024 Back to School Kickoff
- b. August 26, 2024 First Day of School
- c. August 26, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- d. September 9, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- e. September 23, 2024 Board Meeting, 7 pm

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of August 12, 2024 at 7:56 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

