

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 27, 2025, 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 C. Lau, Board Vice President

Board members present were Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Keiven Zielke (Student Representative), and Jennifer Dieck. Lindsay Nied and Maggie Smith were absent.

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

With five 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 27, 2025 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by B. Todd-Robbins. Motion carried.

**06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one addressed the Board.

**07. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

7.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller congratulated the Holmen High School DECA program for their success at the district competition and wished them well at the state competition. She congratulated the HHS dance team for advancing to state and noted they will perform Saturday at the La Crosse Center.

7.2 Police Liaison Report

**08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU**

8.1 National School Counseling Week (Feb. 3-7, 2025)

In celebration of National School Counseling Week in February, Dr. Mueller recognized and thanked the school counselors in the District.

**09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

9.1 Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$24,750,000 General Obligation School Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman, along with Erik Kass, Director of Public Finance at PMA Securities, LLC, presented to the Board for approval on this evening's consent agenda the resolution awarding the sale of \$24,750,000 general obligation school facility improvement bonds, series 2025, to BOK Financial Securities, Inc. with a rate of 4.016596%.

9.2 Shepherd of the Hills Parcel Detachment from the School District of Holmen

J. Holman presented the recommendation to approve on February 10 the detachment of parcel 18-4501-1, owned by and adjacent to the additional parcel of the Shepherd of the Hills Church, located in the City of Onalaska from the School District of Holmen.

9.3 2025-26 Budget - Preliminary Budget Input Variables Best Estimate

J. Holman presented the 2025-26 budget forecast variables for board review. The proposed input variables are used to update a five-year forecast using both historical actuals and variables to produce new budget scenarios. Forecasting will be processed with and without a favorable outcome to the April 1, 2025 operating referendum to exceed the revenue limit by \$3,850,000 per year for five years.

9.4 Summer School Report: Elementary

Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards and Elementary Summer School Administrator Sue Eitland presented to the Board for approval on February 10 a review of summer school 2024 and the proposal for elementary summer school 2025. Elementary summer school would include the Intensive Reading Tutoring

Program session in alignment with Act 20 requirements and the regular elementary summer school session.

9.5 Speech and Language Contracted Services

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for consideration on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to approve contracts with Presence for virtual speech and language services and Dana Gullicksrud, MS-SLP for speech and language evaluation services. If approved, both contracts would be effective January 28, 2025 through June 6, 2025.

a. Presence

b. Dana Gullicksrud, MS-SLP

**10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the January 27, 2025 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement; Boys and Girls Hockey Co-Ops; Anticipated Spaces for New Open Enrolled; Educational Options – 2015 WI Act 55 Notice Reminder; 2025-26 School Year Calendar; 2023-24 Financial Statements & Management Letter Update; Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$24,750,000 General Obligation School Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025; and Speech and Language Contracted Services: Presence and Dana Gullicksrud, MS-SLP. Motion made by B. Wuensch and seconded by C. Lau. Motion carried.

**11. BOARD DEBRIEF**

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

K. Islam reported that she had the pleasure of attending the Wisconsin State Education Convention. She recognized advocacy with state representatives is very important for school funding and encouraged those that would like to help to reach out to their local representatives regarding school funding.

C. Lau stated he attended the State Education Convention and added it is a great opportunity to learn, though he often leaves sessions with the perspective that Holmen is doing things well. He thanked all for the opportunity to attend.

B. Todd-Robbins echoed the comments of C. Lau and K. Islam. She thanked the Booster Club for the unbelievable number of volunteer hours they put in for our students.

B. Wuensch agreed with comments regarding the State Education Convention. She noted it is always neat to attend a presentation and walk out saying that Holmen already does that, but that she still took a lot out of the convention. B. Wuensch reported the Finance Committee met tonight and J. Holman provided an update on the operational referendum. The committee reviewed eleven policies for Board consideration.

K. Zielke noted semester two has started so students have new classes and new lunches. He reported there are dress up days this week at the high school in celebration of the winter fest dance on January 31. He said students received a survey regarding homework and the show choir is doing well with four events left. K. Zielke stated scholarship applications were due for seniors on Friday, but there are others for which students can apply.

J. Dieck thanked Modern Crane for preparing a beam for all middle school staff and students to sign and become a part of the history of the school. In recognition of National School Counseling Week, she thanked counselors for all they do. J. Dieck noted she attended the State Education Convention and spoke on a panel with Dr. Mueller regarding building the board/superintendent relationship. She said sessions were very good this year. J. Dieck thanked L. Nied for representing Holmen in the WASB delegate assembly and thanked all Board members for taking time away from their jobs and families to attend the convention.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. February 5, 2025 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:45 p.m.

b. February 10, 2025 DEI Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

c. February 10, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

d. February 24, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

e. March 5, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

**12. 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 data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in this case, the district administrator's evaluation. Moved by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Roll call vote. K. Islam-yes, C. Lau-yes, B. Todd-Robbins-yes, B. Wuensch-yes, and J. Dieck-yes.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of January 27, 2025 at 8:57 p.m.  
Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.