

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 24, 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 M. Smith, Board Clerk

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

**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 24, 2025 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by K. Islam. 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 reported Family Literacy Night held on February 20 was a great success and noted HMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate National History Day on February 27. Dr. Mueller wished good luck to the boys wrestling team and 5 individual wrestlers (3 boys and 2 girls) who will compete at their respective state tournaments in the coming weeks. Well wishes and congratulations were extended to HMS student Weston Lorentz for advancing to the state spelling bee and the several HHS students that advanced to state solo and ensemble.

7.2 Police Liaison Report

**08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU**

8.1 Wisconsin Public Schools Week (Feb. 24-28, 2025)

Dr. Mueller encouraged all to join in celebrating this week as Wisconsin Public Schools Week recognizing the remarkable educational opportunities provided to students public education.

8.2 National School Breakfast Week (March 3-7 2025)

March 3-7, 2025 is National School Breakfast Week and Dr. Mueller thanked Director of Nutrition Services Mike Gasper and the entire Nutrition Services Department for their dedication to helping our students start their day with a nutritious meal.

8.3 Lowman Dental Donations

Dr. Mueller expressed gratitude to Lowman Dental for continuing to support the 4K students' dental health unit and providing all 4K students with dental health gift bags.

8.4 Family of Allison Boelter Donation

Dr. Mueller thanked the family of late District staff member Allison Boelter for their generous donation of \$4,000 made in her memory to Sand Lake Elementary.

**09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

9.1 2022 Referendum: Prairie View and Sand Lake STEM Lab Bid Results

Director of Facility Services Chad Brandau recommended to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda bids for the Prairie View and Sand Lake STEM labs as part of the 2022 referendum project. Recommendations included accepting bids from Americon for work scope #1, Coulee Region Mechanical for work scope #2, Plug for work scope #3, and B&B Electric for work scope number #4.

9.2 Early College Credit Program & Start College Now Requests

Dr. Mueller presented for approval on the March 10 consent agenda requests of HHS students to take college courses through the Start College Now and Early College Credit Programs. Approximately 20 students have requested courses through Start College Now and three students have requested courses at UW-La Crosse for an anticipated expense to the District of about \$12,000.

## 10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the February 24, 2025 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: January 27, 2025 Board Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; 2022 Referendum: Prairie View and Sand Lake STEM Lab Bid Results; and Second Readings of Board Policies: 3440/4440 Job-Related Expenses, 6110 Grant Funds, 6111 Internal Controls, 6112 Cash Management of Grants, 6114 Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds, 6231 Budget Implementation, 6235 Fund Balance, 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 6620 Petty Cash, 7310 Disposition of Personal Property, and 7450 Property Inventory. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried. Dr. Mueller recognized the staff members whose upcoming retirements appear on tonight's consent agenda.

## 11. BOARD DEBRIEF

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

L. Nied expressed her support of public schools and her appreciation for family literacy night.

M. Smith echoed the gratitude for family literacy night adding that it was another great turn out and was very well done.

B. Todd-Robbins thanked Dr. Mueller for reading the names of the retirees. She noted it is impactful to know the expertise we have in the District. She congratulated the retirees and wished them good luck. B. Todd-Robbins gave a shout out to the HMS staff for National History Day and the skills students learn from the project.

B. Wuench thanked retiring teachers adding that they have been very influential in the lives of her children.

K. Zielke noted winter sports are wrapping up and spring sports are preparing to begin. DECA is currently competing at state and many HHS students are completing practice items for the ACT test that will be administered in March. Course registration for the next school year will take place next month. The show choir will perform in their last competition of the year this weekend in West Dubuque, but will have an Aligning of the Stars event to introduce show choir to students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. They will perform at the Senior Spotlight on March 8. There is a choir concert on March 7 and the theater department will perform the spring musical, "A Spotlight on Broadway," on March 14. The entire Forensics team advanced to the state qualifier for the chance to continue to the state competition on April 11 at UW-Madison.

K. Islam expressed her support of public schools and gave a shout out to all the educators, especially the ones that have served the District so long and are preparing to enjoy retirement. She noted that when the national education picture looks murky, it is nice to see all the incredible things happening in Holmen and nationally with public education and how Holmen continues to hold itself to our high standards.

C. Lau thanked the retirees adding that they will be missed. He reported National History Day is a big deal in his house with an eighth grade student. The Policy Committee will meet on March 5.

J. Dieck wished good luck to all wrestlers at state and thanked the entire Nutrition Services team. She congratulated retirees. J. Dieck extended a special thank you to the Boelter family for their donation and said Allison was very influential to her son.

### 11.2 Correspondence received

### 11.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

a. November 11, 2024 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Notes

### 11.4 Board Meeting Schedule

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

b. March 10, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

c. March 19, 2025 Board Workshop, 6 p.m.

d. March 24, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

e. March 24, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

f. April 1, 2025 Spring Election

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of February 24, 2025 at 7:22 p.m.

Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

