

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

**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 March 24, 2025 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 governor provided his State of the State address and budget proposal, including increased funding for per-pupil aid, special education, literacy, school nutrition, and sparsity aid. He noted the legislature has until the end of June to enact the budget and there is some bipartisan support for additional special education funding. He provided an update on bills regarding cell phones in schools, said there needs to be a continued focus on career readiness, and addressed questions from Board members.

**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 shared the Holmen High School Theatre Department presented the spring musical earlier this month. The Nutrition Services Department celebrated a Taste of India by offering HHS students Indian-inspired meal options. She congratulated HMS student Nolan Staed for placing 35<sup>th</sup> at the state MATHCOUNTS competition and noted April 1 is the spring election.

8.2 Police Liaison Report

**09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

9.1 Evergreen Elementary Highlights

Evergreen Elementary Principal Sarah Thompson shared, for report only, highlights from the school including the focus on ELA for the school year, collaboration with UW-L on math, staff and student celebrations, CKLA engaging activities, Literacy Night organized by Shannon Krett, school clubs, work of the PTO, and the DARE program. She also provided a construction update for the building.

9.2 Holmen Board of Education Resolution in Support of Inflationary Increases in Per-Pupil Funding in Wisconsin  
Dr. Mueller presented for approval on April 14 the recommendation for the Board to approve the resolution urging the legislature and governor to enact policies that provide annual inflationary increases in per-pupil funding to ensure financial stability for school districts.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the March 24, 2025 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: February 24, 2025 Board Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; Firewall/Hyperconverged Solution Bid Results; and Second Readings of Board Policies: 1130/3230/4230 Ethics and Conflict of Interest, 1241 Non-Renewal or Termination of the District Administrator's Contract, 2210

Curriculum Development, 2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (rescinding), 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 2270 Religion in Curriculum, 2271.01 Start College Now Program, 2413 Health Education, 2416 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information, 2464 Advanced Learning Instruction (Gifted and Talented), 5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District), 5611 Due Process Rights (rescinding), 7410 Maintenance, 7440 Facility Security, 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.07 District-Issued Student E-Mail Account, 8120 Volunteers, 8305 Information Security, 8395 Student Mental and Physical Health Services, 8531 Free & Reduced-Price Meals, and 8600 Transportation. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

## 11. BOARD DEBRIEF

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

All Board members thanked State Senator Pfaff for attending tonight's meeting to share his perspective and hear the Board.

B. Todd-Robbins expressed an overall appreciation for tonight's meeting. She stated it was good to hear from S. Thompson and about our amazing schools, teachers, and leaders.

B. Wuensch reported that she visited with Senator Pfaff along with J. Dieck and Dr. Mueller at the Capitol to lobby for public education funding. She added that it was good to hear from both sides of the legislature on school funding. She noted that she attended the Project LIVE/ASL fundraiser this past weekend.

K. Zielke stated it was an honor to have a State Senator here and it was great to learn more about Evergreen. He noted the Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Friday, there is a winter assembly tomorrow, the spring musical was last weekend, students took the ACT and preACT last week, and seniors received their caps and gowns.

K. Islam stated that she is excited to be advancing advocacy from the Board table and gave kudos to those that visited the capitol.

C. Lau reported that he attended the Project LIVE/ASL fundraiser and it was great to see all the sports they offer. He also attended the pyramid orchestra concert and it was impressive to see the improvement since the winter concert and how the middle and high school students played music together. He noted there are many students involved in orchestra.

L. Nied thanked all those that attended tonight's meeting and acknowledged they work long days.

M. Smith echoed the comments of those that spoke before her.

J. Dieck thanked S. Thompson for presenting and noted it is fun to hear about the elementary schools. She reported that she attended the spring musical and that we have some really good singers at Holmen High School.

### 11.2 Correspondence received

### 11.3 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. March 27, 2025 Referendum Community Session, 6:30 p.m.
- b. April 1, 2025 Spring Election
- c. April 2, 2025 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- d. April 14, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- e. April 28, 2025 Board Organizational Meeting, 7 pm

## 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, base wage negotiations. Moved by M. Smith and seconded by C. Lau. Roll call vote. B. Todd-Robbins-yes, B. Wuensch-yes, J. Dieck-yes, K. Islam-yes, C. Lau-yes, L. Nied-yes, and M. Smith-yes.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of March 24, 2025 at 9:34 p.m. Moved by M. Smith. Seconded B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

