

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
HOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**The School District of the City of Holland  
Ottawa County, Michigan  
February 17, 2025**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - WELCOME** – President Colburn welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BOARD:** Trustees Arendshorst, Colburn, Marroquin (arrived at 5:11 pm), Mulder, Veliz, and Ybarra

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Superintendent Cassidy, Associate Superintendents Murphy-DuBay and Remillard, and Administrative Assistant Kooiker (recorder)

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Regular Business Meeting of February 17, 2025
2. Consent Agenda for February 17, 2025

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 20, 2025, Regular Business Meeting

**Moved by Martin Veliz, supported by Diane Ybarra, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda for February 17, 2025.** The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL SENATE**

Student Senate President Miriam Lopez-Koolhaa provided an update to the Board.

- Snowcoming week was a success

**V. HPS CELEBRATES**

**Schafer Family Receives a Van from Non-profit Lori's Voice.**

Adam Schafer is a 5th grader at West and was born with muscular dystrophy. His mom, Tara Schafer is an IA at West.

It has been difficult and time-consuming to get Adam to and from school without a proper vehicle to accommodate his transportation needs. They needed to unfold and collapse Adam's wheelchair and carry him in and out of the car.

In December, Lori's Voice, an organization that provides for families with children who need adaptive equipment, travel, therapy, and other items that aren't covered by insurance, provided the Schafer family with a wheelchair-accessible van.

The family says their new wheelchair-accessible van from Lori's Voice is a huge help.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **VII. BOARD COMMITTEES and STUDY SESSION REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. TEACHING FOR LEARNING: Chairperson Mulder reported on the February 3, 2025, meeting of the Teaching for Learning Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Marroquin, Mulder and Veliz

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Associate Superintendents McCloud and Remillard

Administrators: Principal Mehall and Assistant Principal Rumpsa

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Office of School Improvement: Associate Superintendent Remillard provided updates on the following:

- Band Conversation, Holland High School – Principal Mehall provided survey results and program participation information.
- Summer School Update
- After School Opportunities
- Anne Frank
- IMSE
- MASFPS
- Hope College Fall Update

Office of Student Services: Associate Superintendent McCloud provided updates on the following:

- Special Education Family Handbook
- Special Education Family Series-Tuesday, February 25 (6-7 pm) in the Board Training Room

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Cassidy provided updates on the following:

- District Update Meetings will be held on February 2 and 12. Community meetings will be scheduled over the next month.
- Safety and Security Procedures

Other: Vaping Lessons will be starting in Elementary Health classes.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

### STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

#### ACADEMICS/PROGRAM GOAL:

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FINANCE AND OPERATIONS GOAL:

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HUMAN SERVICES GOAL:

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- B. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Trustee Ybarra reported on the February 7, 2025 meeting of the Finance and Property Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Board: Trustees Arendshorst, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Deputy Superintendent Pennington, Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay, and Supervisor Cossey

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Finance & Property: Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay provided updates on the following:

- Financial Reports for January 2025: Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay reviewed the general fund budget to actual report and the capital project listing report for the month of January.
- Discussion on General Fund and Food Service Fund Budget Amendments. Approval will be requested at the regular board meeting.

**Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Resolution Amendment.** [Attachment A]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Colburn, Mulder, Veliz, and Ybarra

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Moved by Martin Veliz, supported by Chris Arendshorst, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Food Service Fund Budget Resolution Amendment.** [Attachment B]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Colburn, Mulder, Veliz, and Ybarra

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Human Resources Report: Deputy Superintendent Pennington provided an update on the following:

- Vacancies, Postings, Resignations, Hires
- Check-In Meetings w/ Staff Members
- Black History Month Update

- Contract Negotiations Update

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Cassidy provided an update on the following:

- Contracts/Bidding Process
- Facility Master Plan Review
- 2025 Bond Review

Other: No other items were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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- C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President Colburn reported on the February 7, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Colburn, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Superintendent Updates:

- Facility Master Plan Debrief
- Communication and Community Meeting Schedule
- Board Listening Sessions will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March
- Board Meeting Agenda Topics
- Legislative Updates

Study Session Agenda Construction: Committee members planned the agenda for the February Study Session Meeting based upon the discussions at Teaching for Learning, Finance & Property, Executive Committee, and matters arising.

Other:

- Survey regarding PLC time

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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- D. BOARD STUDY SESSION: President Colburn reported on the February 10, 2025 Study Session.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: President Colburn welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Training Room of the District Administration Building, 320 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### ROLL CALL:

BOARD: Trustees Arendshorst, Colburn, Marroquin, Mulder, Veliz, Woltman, and Ybarra

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Cassidy, Deputy Superintendent Pennington, Associate Superintendents Murphy-DuBay and Remillard, and Chief Technology Officer Thelen

#### Public Comments:

- Catherine Ristola Bass, 652 Central Avenue, Holland, MI 49423 – City of Holland Human Relations Commission.

Cybersecurity Feasibility Study: Chief Technology Officer Thelen provided an update.

#### Committee Reports:

- a. Teaching for Learning Committee: Chairperson Mulder provided updates with items discussed at the Teaching for Learning Committee meeting on February 3, 2025.
- b. Finance & Property Committee: Chairperson Woltman provided updates with items discussed at the Finance & Property Committee meeting on February 7, 2025.
- c. Executive Committee: President Colburn provided updates with items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on February 7, 2025.

d. Holland Educational Foundation Report: Trustee Mulder provided an update.

e. HEA Communications Update: The January meeting was cancelled.

Personnel Report: Deputy Superintendent Pennington updated the committee on personnel items.

Superintendent Updates:

- Outside Agency Protocols
- Rightsizing
- Maplewood Property Review
- Community Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting Agenda Construction: Board Members planned the agenda for the February 17, 2025 Board Meeting.

Consideration of Petition for Reinstatement: Superintendent Cassidy brought forward the recommendation of the Hearing Committee to reinstate student #0124250800 with conditions.

**Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the request for reinstatement of Student 0124250800 with conditions. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Other:

- WMCAT Report Discussion

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S/CABINET REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Superintendent Open Office Hours: Superintendent Cassidy has open office hours scheduled for Thursday, March 6 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Administration Office, Lincoln Conference Room. Superintendent Cassidy will host open office hours on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to reach Superintendent Cassidy, please email him: [ncassidy@hollandpublicschools.org](mailto:ncassidy@hollandpublicschools.org).

B. Current Legislative and District Initiatives: Superintendent Cassidy shared Information on recent district initiatives and legislative action.

- **Foundation Allowance: \$516M increase**
  - \$392 per pupil increase bringing the total amount to \$10,000 per pupil (4.1% increase)
- **Weighted Funding Models: \$94M (4.1% increase)**
  - At-Risk: \$42.3M (increase)
  - Special Education: \$20.5M (increase)
  - \$523.9M ongoing funding for full foundation allowance payment, plus required cost reimbursements for each special education student
  - \$89.2M revised formula to equalize special education costs, including a one-time \$15M increase

- English Language Learners: \$2.1M
  - CTE: \$2.4M
- **31aa: \$150M** to continue School Safety and Mental Health funding (*ongoing*)
- **Vocational Education: \$41.6M** for cost reimbursements
  - \$20M for CTE equipment upgrades
  - \$9.2M to partially equalize vocational education millage revenue
  - \$8.4M for early/middle college programs
  - \$5.5M for CTE incentives and K-12 to career pathway support
- **Student Meals: \$200M increase** (when combined with federal funding) for free breakfast and lunch
- **Behavioral and Mental Health Services: \$101.5M** (*maintained*)
- **Before & After School Programs: \$50M** (*maintained*)
- **GSRP Universal Access for all four-year olds: \$676.1M**
  - \$392 per child increase (bringing the total amount to \$10,577 per child)
  - \$28M for GSRP student transportation (*maintained*)
  - \$25M for startup grants for the creation of new providers and classrooms
  - \$61M for a Strong Beginnings program; over five years
  - \$4.7M increase for Early On services
- **MI Future Educator Fellowship: \$25M** (*maintained*)
- **Student Teacher Stipends: \$50M** (*maintained*)
- **Grow-Your-Own Programs: \$50M** (*maintained*)
- **First Robotics: \$4.7M**
- **Closing/Consolidation: \$150M** to close or remove disused buildings, consolidate administrative services, and incent district-level consolidation.

Superintendent Cassidy shared district updates and celebrations.

**IX. OTHER:** No other items were discussed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** President Colburn adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tim Marroquin, Secretary