

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

**The School District of the City of Holland
Ottawa County, Michigan
May 19, 2025**

- 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, Mulder, Veliz, Woltman, and Ybarra

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Cassidy, Deputy Superintendent Pennington, Associate Superintendents McCloud, Murphy-DuBay, and Remillard, Director Craner, and Administrative Assistant Kooiker (recorder)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Regular Business Meeting of May 19, 2025
2. Consent Agenda for May 19, 2025

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 28, 2025, Regular Business Meeting

Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Martin Veliz, that the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda for May 19, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. HPS CELEBRATES

- A. MDE SEAL OF BILITERACY RECIPIENTS:** Lynette Brander, Multilingual Learner Coordinator Introduced students who received Bi-literacy Seals on their diplomas.

- Fayeq Al Aqrai
- Zahir Amiri
- Jose Balona
- Gabriel Bos
- Lizet Camacho Herrera
- Lucy Green
- Mohammad Raafat Kalahji
- Lilizbel Lorenzo Legon
- Monika Ortega
- Yadriel Ostolaza Velez

- Sofia Palmateer
- Yeliany Perez Vera
- Gissell Rangel
- Johnny Reyes
- Ali Sakhizada
- Daniela Sanchez
- Janetzi Sanchez Marquez
- Mohamed Adnan Shamieh
- Remi VanFarowe
- Emerson Wolbrink
- Annabella White

V. RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

A. Deputy Superintendent Pennington recognized employees who have retired from the District since May 2024.

- Amanda Ahearn
- Deborah Doyle
- Jane Glover
- Marcia Hildebrand
- Amy Johansen
- Michelle Klomp
- Beth Kooiker
- Karen Kramer
- Michelle Marko
- Ann Prins
- Yvette Sibley
- Lise Topp
- Janice Zeivel

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Candis DeBoer, 1211 Heather Drive, Holland, MI 49423 – Period Project 49423

VII. PERSONNEL REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy Superintendent Pennington recommended the following personnel action:

A. Resignations:

- **Constance Clayton**, 5th Grade Teacher, Jefferson School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Christina Cochrane-Monroy**, currently on leave, effective May 5, 2025.
- **Justine Martinez**, Special Education Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Bethany Nichols**, High School Counselor (.40 fte), Holland High School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Kyla Reichert**, 2nd Grade Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Grace Wiersema**, General Education Social Worker, West School, effective June 4, 2025.

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Chris Arendshorst, that the Board of Education approve, with regret, the resignation of Constance Clayton, Christina Cochrane-Monroy,

Justine Martinez, Bethany Nichols, Kyla Reichert, and Grace Wiersema. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Extended Leave:

- **Allyson Lepard**, First Grade Teacher, West School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Diane Ybarra, that the Board of Education approve an extended leave for the purpose of Child Care for Allyson Lepard. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Retirements:

- **Amanda Ahearn**, Student Success Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Deborah Doyle**, PBIS Coach, District, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Marcia Hildebrand**, 5th Grade Teacher, West School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Jane Glover**, Speech and Language Pathologist, West School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Amy Johansen**, S.T.E.M. Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Michelle Klomp**, Special Education Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Michelle Marko**, 3rd Grade Teacher, West School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Ann Prins**, ELA Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Yvette Sibley**, TWBI Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective June 4, 2025.
- **Lise Topp**, Teacher Consultant/Education Evaluator, District, effective June 4, 2025.

Moved by Lois Mulder, supported by Mark Woltman, that the Board of Education approve, with regret, the retirement of: Amanda Ahearn, Deborah Doyle, Marcia Hildebrand, Jane Glover, Amy Johansen, Michelle Klomp, Michelle Marko, Ann Prins, Yvette Sibley, and Lise Topp. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Hiring:

- **Lourdes Hernandez-Vasquez**, TWBI Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Zurisadai Lepper**, TWBI Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Sonia McNeil**, 4th Grade TWBI Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective August 18, 2025.

Moved by Martin Veliz, supported by Diane Ybarra, that the Board of Education approve a probationary contract for: Lourdes Hernandez-Vasquez, Zurisadai Lepper, and Sonia McNeil. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEES and STUDY SESSION REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. TEACHING FOR LEARNING: Chairperson Mulder reported on the May 5, 2025, meeting of the Teaching for Learning Committee.

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

Board: Trustees Marroquin, Mulder, and Veliz

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Associate Superintendents McCloud and Remillard

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

- Block Party Event
 - May 21 at MS, 5-6:30
 - Kindergarten hearing and vision
 - Kindergarten readiness bags
 - Community partners
- Summer School
 - Parent meeting Ready for School, June 11
 - Parent meeting K-3rd, June 12, 5:30-6:30
- Building data digs
 - Setting goals, looking at data for 2025-2026

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

- Roerink Grant Awarded

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Cassidy provided updates on the following:

- Transitional Kindergarten update
- West Programming
- West Building Project Updates
- Rescheduling Communications Meeting
- Staffing Updates

Other:

- Be Nice
- Community of Courage - Anne Frank Exhibit
- District Theatre Wizard of Oz
- Hero in Me
- Huntington is partnering with Ron Clark Academy and would like to have HSP students attend

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

ACADEMICS/PROGRAM GOAL:

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FINANCE AND OPERATIONS GOAL:

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HUMAN SERVICES GOAL:

Holland Public Schools will recruit, retain, and invest in highly qualified staff.

- B. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Woltman reported on the May 6, 2025, meeting of the Finance and Property Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board: Trustees Arendshorst, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Deputy Superintendent Pennington, Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay, Chief Technology Officer Thelen, and Supervisor Cossey

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

- Financial Reports for April 2025: Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay reviewed the general fund budget to actual report and the capital project listing report for the month of April.
- Replacement of Staff Chromebooks: Chief Technology Officer Thelen requested approval to purchase 80 Lenovo 14e Chromebook Gen 3 replacement staff devices and Chrome Management Licenses for Holland HS teachers and several other staff throughout the district for a total cost of \$41,494.40. The new Chromebooks will replace the teacher Chromebooks purchased in 2020 and a few 10-year-old MacBooks. Board approval will be requested at the study session on May 12.
- Scheduling of 2025-2026 Public Budget Hearing - Superintendent Cassidy recommends that the Hearing be held on June 16, at 5:30 p.m. or as soon as the regular board meeting concludes, at the District Administration Building in the Board Training Center, 320 W 24th Street, as the date/time/location for the annual Budget Hearing. Approval will be requested at the regular board meeting.

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the Notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 Budget, setting June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon as the regular board meeting concludes, at the District Administration

Building in the Board Training Center, 320 W 24th Street, as the date, time, and location for the annual Budget Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

- OAISD 2025-2026 General Operating Budget Resolution - Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay shared the OAISD's 2025-26 General Fund Budget. Local school districts within the ISD are required to take board action in May to either approve the OAISD operating budget or not. The resolution will be brought forward at the regular May board meeting.

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Diane Ybarra, that the Board of Education approve/disapprove the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District ("ISD") General Operating Budget Resolution for the 2025-2026 school year as attached. (If disapproved, specific objections and proposed changes must be submitted.) [Attachment A]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Colburn, Marroquin, Mulder, Veliz, Woltman, 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
- Contract Negotiations Update
- Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers
- Staffing for 25-26

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

- Possible Longfellow Lease
- Maplewood possibilities
- West Building Project Update
- 2025 Bond Update and Schedule of Events

Other: No other items were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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- C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President Colburn reported on the May 6, 2025, meeting of the Executive Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Colburn, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Superintendent Updates:

- Superintendent Contract
- Staffing Updates
- Facility Master Plan Updates

Central Office Administrator Contract Renewals:

- A. Continuation of Contracts for Administrator contracts by one year through June 30, 2027.

Moved by Liz Colburn, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education continue and extend the contracts for the following administrators through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Superintendent to establish wages and benefits under said contract. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Katie Pennington, Deputy Superintendent
- Laura McCloud, Associate Superintendent of Student Services
- Melissa Remillard, Associate Superintendent of School Improvement
- Matt Murphy-DuBay, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance

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

Other: No other items were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

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D. BOARD STUDY SESSION: President Colburn reported on the May 12, 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 24th Street.

ROLL CALL:

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

EXCUSED: Trustees Marroquin and Veliz

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Cassidy, Deputy Superintendent Pennington, Associate Superintendents McCloud, Murphy-DuBay, and Remillard

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Committee Reports:

- a. Teaching for Learning Committee: Chairperson Mulder provided updates on items discussed at the Teaching for Learning Committee meeting on May 5, 2025.
- b. Finance & Property Committee: Chairperson Woltman provided updates on items discussed at the Finance & Property Committee meeting on May 6, 2025. The Committee recommended approval of the following at this study session.
 - Replacement of Staff Chromebooks

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 80 Lenovo 14e Chromebook Gen 3 replacement staff devices and Chrome Management Licenses for Holland HS teachers and several other staff throughout the district for a total cost of \$41,494.40. The motion was unanimously approved. [Attachment B]

- c. Executive Committee: President Colburn provided updates on items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on May 6, 2025
- d. Holland Educational Foundation Report: Trustee Mulder provided an update.
- e. HEA Communications Update: The April 24 meeting was cancelled.

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

Policies for 1st Reading: Superintendent Cassidy submitted the following policies for first reading:

- Policy 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies (Revised)
- Policy 1430 / 3430 / 4330 Leaves of Absence (Reject)
- Policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Rescind)
- Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)
- Policy 2340 Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips (Revised)
- Policy 5320 Immunization (Revised)
- Policy 5330 Use of Medication (Revised)
- Policy 5330.01 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (Revised)
- Policy 5350 Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention (Revised)
- Policy 5460 Graduation Requirement (Reject)
- Policy 8320 Personnel Files (Revised)
- Policy 8500 Food Services (Revised)
- Policy 8510 Wellness (Revised)
- Policy 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips (Rescind)

OAISD Board Election: Resolution Designating the District's Election Representative (and alternate) and OAISD Board Candidates. President Colburn facilitated a discussion identifying a representative and alternate to elect two full-term and one partial-term candidates for the vacancies on the ISD Board on Monday, June 2, 2025. The motion will take place at the regular board meeting on May 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The board will determine two full-term and one partial-term candidates to cast votes for.

- OAISD Board Election - Resolution Designating District's Election Representative (and alternate) and OAISD Board Candidates.

Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Designating the District's Election Representative, and Candidates as presented. [Attachment C]

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Superintendent Updates:

- Holland West Bid Updates and Recommendations. Board approval will be requested at the regular board meeting.
- West Elementary Renovation – Todd Bell, OAK Education Specialist, attended the regular board meeting.

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Martin Veliz, that Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. be authorized to issue Notices of Pending Awards, in the amount of 21,942,920 to contractors and suppliers listed below, pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract

Documents have been met. Furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and suppliers by Holland Public Schools. [Attachment D]

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Demolition	Pro-Tech Environmental, Inc.	727,300
Earthwork	Site Work Solutions, Inc	353,165
Landscape	Landscape Design Services	20,935
Concrete	Schepers Concrete Construction	678,315
Fencing	Fence Consultants	35,895
Playground Equipment	Sinclair Recreation	228,690
Masonry	Burggrabe Masonry	1,674,248
Metals	Van Dellen Steel	702,400
Casework	Architectural Systems Group, LLC	276,730
General Trades	Vander Kodde Construction	784,800
Roofing	J Stevens Construction	525,500
Metal Wall Panels	Reliable Sheet Metal	415,000
Joint Sealants	CJ's Coatings / Sealants, Inc.	47,401
Doors, Frames, and Hardware	Architectural Openings and Access	414,000
Aluminum, Glass, & Glazing	Lakeshore Glass & Metals	653,815
Lath, Plaster, Drywall and Acoustical	Schepers Brothers Company, Inc.	1,047,249
Flooring & Tiling	Ritsema Associates	830,295
Painting	H&H Painting Co.	186,766
Athletic Equipment	Partition Systems	107,895
Fire Protection	Triad Fire Suppression, Inc.	354,442
DDC Controls	Trane U.S. Inc.	641,170
Mechanical / Plumbing	DHE Plumbing and Mechanical	5,086,800
Testing and Balancing	Control Solutions, Inc.	26,000
Commissioning	Control Solutions Inc.	21,420
Electrical and Communications	Shoreline Power Services, Inc.	1,671,275
Pre-Purchased Mechanical Equipment	DHE Plumbing and Mechanical	165,056

- 2025 Bond Communication and Feedback

Board Meeting Agenda Construction: Board Members planned the agenda for the May 19, 2025, Board Meeting.

Other:

- Property/Casualty Bids will be reviewed.
- Board Committee meetings will not be held in July. The Board Study Session will be on July 21, and the Regular Board meeting will be on July 28.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

IX. POLICIES FOR 2ND READING AND ADOPTION: Superintendent Cassidy will recommend the following policies for 2nd reading and adoption:

- Policy 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies (Revised)
- Policy 1430 / 3430 / 4330 Leaves of Absence (Reject)
- Policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Rescind)
- Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)
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- Policy 5350 Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention (Revised)
- Policy 5460 Graduation Requirement (Reject)
- Policy 8320 Personnel Files (Revised)
- Policy 8500 Food Services (Revised)
- Policy 8510 Wellness (Revised)
- Policy 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips (Rescind)

Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Martin Veliz, that the Board of Education adopt the policies as presented. [Attachment E]

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S/CABINET REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Superintendent Open Office Hours: Superintendent Cassidy has open office hours scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 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.
- B. 2025 Graduation Activities: Superintendent Cassidy announced activities for our Graduation Class of 2025.
- C. National School Principal's Day: Superintendent Cassidy announced that May 1, 2025, was National School Principal's Day and thanked our principals and assistant principals for their dedication to the staff and students of Holland Public Schools.
- D. National Teacher Appreciation Week: Superintendent Cassidy announced that May 5-9, 2025, was National Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked our professional staff for their dedication to the students of Holland Public Schools.
- E. National Nurse Appreciation Week: Superintendent Cassidy announced that May 6-12, 2025, was National Nurse Appreciation Week. He thanked all of our school nurses and health care aides part of our School Nursing Program in Partnership with Holland Hospital.
- F. National Police Week: Superintendent Cassidy announced that May 11-17, 2025, was National Police Week. He thanked our community police officers and members of the Holland Public Safety Department for their support of Holland Public Schools and building safety and community connections into our school programs.

G. School of Choice Window: Superintendent Cassidy announced the non-resident School of Choice window is from May 1 to May 30, 2025.

H. Current Legislative and District Updates: Superintendent Cassidy shared Information on recent district and legislative updates.

District Updates

We were proud to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2025 during our Senior Awards Night. This year's graduates have self-reported nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to date, with an estimated four-year total of \$1.6 million.

Over 75% of our graduates—193 students—are continuing their education after high school, an increase from previous years. Top college destinations include Grand Valley State University, Davenport University, Michigan State University, and Grand Rapids Community College. Popular fields of study include nursing and healthcare, business, engineering, psychology, and counseling. Additionally, many students are entering the workforce and skilled trades, pursuing careers in welding, cosmetology, construction, and automotive technology.

We also celebrated academic achievement with 31 students earning Gold Cords for a GPA of 3.5–4.0, and 29 students receiving Red & White Honor Cords for maintaining a GPA above 4.0.

This year's Top 10 students (listed alphabetically) were:

- Adam Alderson
- Gabriel Bos
- Alexander French
- Hadleigh Hilgert
- Hailey Huggett
- Hannah Maginnis
- Emma Margaron
- Eleanor McMullen
- Ruby VanHuis
- Ryland VanderPloeg

Special recognition was given to our top academic honors:

Valedictorian: Adam Alderson (4.476 GPA)

Salutarian: Gabriel Bos (4.442 GPA)

During the event, dozens of students were also recognized with memorial scholarships, Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area scholarships, and Holland High School departmental awards. In addition, 33 Distinguished Athlete Awards were presented based on a point system that considers athletic participation, individual and team success at the conference or state level, and academic performance.

The awards presented represent just a portion of this class's many achievements. Many students have earned additional honors and scholarships beyond those formally recognized, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

We look forward to honoring the Class of 2025 once more at Commencement on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM at DeVos Fieldhouse.

On Friday evening, May 16, Escape Ministries held their Hero In Me event. The three finalists, Mariah Collier, Jocelyn Coleman, and Emelynn Castillo are all Holland High Seniors who shared their stories of grit and determination. Emelynn was announced as the winner.

As part of the celebration, an additional award was given to HPS Graduate Rashyah Weatherspoon who just graduated from Ferris State University. Rashyah is the first student who attended the ASAP program to graduate from College.

Legislative Updates

State Board approves new special education certificate – The State Board of Education approved a new special education teacher certificate that encompasses a broader range of categories for students with disabilities. According to MDE, this change brings Michigan in line with most other states and eliminates the burden on teachers to earn individual endorsements for a wide array of disability categories. Some specialized certifications will remain, including certification for teaching students with autism, hearing impairments, and visual impairments.

Budget Timeline and Outlook

- The Governor and Senate have released budgets based on January projections; the House has not yet released its version.
- The Legislature faces a July 1 deadline to pass a budget, but progress has been slow, and some lawmakers are suggesting a third Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference in the fall may be necessary.
- The risk of School Aid Fund dollars being used to cover General Fund obligations remains a key concern heading into negotiations.
- We are hopeful for a July 1 deadline, but not sure that will happen.

While the School Aid Fund is healthy, there is worry that the decline in the state's General Fund (dropped 40% since January) will increase the likelihood of school aid funds being diverted elsewhere.

XI. OTHER: No other items were discussed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: President Colburn adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Approved as presented: _____
Tim Marroquin, Secretary