

**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  
July 28, 2025**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - WELCOME** – President Colburn welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Regular Business Meeting of July 28, 2025
2. Consent Agenda for July 28, 2025

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 16, 2025, Regular Business Meeting
2. June 16, 2025 Special Meeting
3. June 20, 2025 Special Meeting

**Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda for July 28, 2025.** The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. HPS CELEBRATES**

- A. Celebrated HPS Nutritional Services Department. Arletha Banks gave their 2025 Summer Feeding Program update.
- B. Celebrated Anne Wallace for her years serving as the HEA President.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ben Rund-Scott -1334 Heather Dr. Holland, Michigan 49423 -Robotics

**VI. PERSONNEL REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deputy Superintendent Pennington recommended the following personnel action:

**A. Resignations:**

- **Kasi Edwards**, Math Teacher, Holland High School, effective July 21, 2025.
- **Nasha Huitema**, Multilingual Teacher, Holland High School, effective July 14, 2025.
- **Aliyah Vander Goot**, 1st Grade Teacher, West School, effective July 15, 2025.

**Moved by Diane Ybara, supported by Chris Arendshorst that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of: Kasi Edwards, Nasha Huitema And Aliyah Vander Goot.** The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Hiring:

- **Kelly Ashby**, School Counselor, Holland High School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Rebecca Bleitz**, Spanish/ML Teacher, Holland High School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Merideth deVries**, Special Education Teacher, West School, effective August 18, 2025.
  
- **Kristin DeYoung**, Special Education Teacher Holland Language Academy, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Kristen Gretka**, Science Teacher, Holland Middle School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Grant Lancaster**, Special Education Teacher, Holland High School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Stephen Murphy**, 5th Grade Teacher, Jefferson School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Melissa Patsiovos**, ECSE Teacher, West School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Carlie Rozema**, Special Education teacher, West School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Hannah Wallace**, Special Education (DHH), West School, effective August 18, 2025.
- **Emily Warren**, ECSE Teacher, Jefferson School, effective August 18, 2025.

**Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Lois Mulder that the Board of Education approves a probationary contract for: Kelly Ashby, Rebecca Bleitz, Merideth deVries, Kristin DeYoung, Kristen Gretka, Grant Lancaster, Stephen Murphy, Melissa Patsiovos, Carlie Rozema, Hannah Wallace, and Emily Warren.** The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Notice of Recall:

- **Delynne Miller**, Math Teacher, Holland High School, effective August 18, 2025.

**Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Mark Woltman that the Board of Education approves the recall of Delynne Miller.** The motion was unanimously approved.

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL REPORT/AND OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deputy Superintendent Pennington recommended the following administrative personnel action:

A. Administrative Appointment:

- **Kyle Kreps**, Assistant Principal, Holland Middle School, effective July 1, 2025.

**Moved by Lois Mulder, supported by Martin Veliz that the Board of Education approve the administrative appointment of Kyle Kreps.** The motion was unanimously approved.

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

A. Teaching for Learning, Finance and Property and Executive Committees did not meet in July.

B. Board Study Session: President Colburn reported on the July 21, 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 Colburn, Mulder, Veliz, Woltman and Marroquin

EXCUSED: Trustees Arendshorst and Ybarra

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

GUESTS: Steve Grose from Jubilee Ministries, Dave Rozema from Habitat for Humanity and Charlie Sterken from the Holland Educational Foundation

**2. Public Comments:** There were no public comments

**3. Committee Reports:** Committee meetings were not held in July.

- Charlie Sterken from the Holland Educational Foundation provided a financial and programming update.

**4. Finance & Property Update:** Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay provided an update on the following:

- **Financial Reports for June 2025:** Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay reviewed the general fund budget to actual report and the capital project listing report for the month of June.
- Gave an update on Property and Casualty Insurance.
- Jubilee Ministries and Habitat for Humanity provided a draft proposal which included a concept of 26 homes at the Maplewood site.

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

**6. Superintendent Updates:**

- Bond 2025 Update
- Build 21 Update
- Maplewood, VanRaalte, and Longfellow discussion
- Contract Updates

**7. Board Meeting Agenda Construction:** Board Members planned the agenda for the July 28, 2025, Board Meeting.

**8. Other:** There were no other updates

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS**

#### **ACADEMICS/PROGRAM GOAL:**

Holland Public Schools will provide educational excellence through relevant and innovative programming that maximizes the potential of each student in safe, supportive, and respectful learning environments.

#### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GOAL:**

Holland Public Schools will unite our community around increasing opportunities and success for ALL students through dialogue, networking, and learning among families and community members.

**FINANCE AND OPERATIONS GOAL:**

Holland Public Schools will maximize resources for student learning, engagement, and safety.

**HUMAN SERVICES GOAL:**

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

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S/CABINET REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF HEA MASTER AGREEMENT: Superintendent Cassidy brought forward a recommendation for the ratification of the Holland Education Association Master Agreement as presented.

**Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education ratify the Master Agreement with the Holland Education Association as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved

- B. CONSIDERATION OF HMMAA AGREEMENT: Superintendent Cassidy will bring forward a recommendation for the approval of the Holland Middle Management Administrators Agreement as presented.

**Moved by Diane Ybarra, supported by Tim Marroquin, that the Board of Education approve the HMMAA Agreement as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved

- C. CONSIDERATION OF HESPA AGREEMENT: Superintendent Cassidy will bring forward a recommendation for the approval of the Holland Education Support Personnel Agreement as presented.

**Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Martin Veliz, that the Board of Education approve the HESPA Agreement as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved

- D. Superintendent Open Office Hours: Superintendent Cassidy announced his open office hours for the 2025-26 school year, which will begin in September. More information will be posted on the district's website in August. If you would like to reach Superintendent Cassidy, please email him: [ncassidy@hollandpublicschools.org](mailto:ncassidy@hollandpublicschools.org).

## District Updates

### **Holland High**

- Received a new air handler
- Finishing up art rooms
- Had to tear out plumbing running out of the art room. Filled in the cement and will be replacing carpet this week.

### **Heights**

- Progressing on schedule
- Paint and ceilings are going in
- Siding going up
- Exterior gathering spaces being installed

### **West**

- New Air Handler unit
- Portable Classrooms installed
- Prep work is finishing and Phase 1 starting soon

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 7/31- 10:00am-Noon: Maranda Park Party at West
- Tuesday, 8/5- Election Day
- Tuesday, 8/12-8/14- New Teacher Orientation
- Friday, 8/15- Leadership Academy
- Monday, 8/18-8/20- Professional Development Days
  - Welcome Back talk from 8:00-8:30 on 8/18
- Thursday, 8/21- First Day of School for Students
- Sunday, 9/7- Holland-Haven Half Marathon- HEF Running Team
- Monday, 9/29- Regular Board Meeting

## Legislative Updates

It has been very quiet on the Legislative front. We are still waiting for a budget, with no sign of one in sight.

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** President Colburn adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Tim Marroquin, Secretary

