

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

**The School District of the City of Holland
Ottawa County, Michigan
July 28, 2025**

- 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 24th 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.

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

