

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

**The School District of the City of Holland
Ottawa County, Michigan
September 29, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ADMINISTRATORS: 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 September 29, 2025
2. Consent Agenda for September 29, 2025

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 18, 2025, Regular Business Meeting

Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda for September 29, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL SENATE

Student Senate President Maggie Telgenhof provided an update to the Board.

V. HPS CELEBRATES

2025 Hispanic Heritage Month: Iliana Vasquez presented on our 5th annual Hispanic Heritage Month. From September 12 through October 12, each of our buildings are honoring and celebrating this occasion through music, books, games, classroom resources, and dancing. Building chairpersons for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion have several events and activities planned throughout the month.

Caught Being Awesome: Congratulations to Michelle DeBoer of Holland Language Academy, who is recognized as this month's Caught Being Awesome winner from the Van Andel Institute for Education.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elisabeth Dekker- 35 W. 28th St. Holland, Michigan 49423 -HEA update

VII. BUILDING PRESENTATIONS

Principal Iliana Vasquez presented celebrations, Challenges, and Data for Holland Language Academy.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy Superintendent Pennington recommended the following personnel action:

A.Hiring:

- **Maricela Gallegos-Cisneros**, 2nd Grade Teacher, Holland Language Academy, effective 2025.

Moved by Martin Veliz, supported by Lois Mulder that a probationary contract be offered to Maricela Gallegos-Cisneros. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

A. TEACHING FOR LEARNING: Chairperson Mulder reported on the September 2, 2025, meeting of the Teaching for Learning Committee.

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

Board: Trustee Mulder

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy and Associate Superintendents McCloud and Remillard

Guests: Lauren Gray and Cynthia Alvarado

Public Comments: There were no public comments

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

- Math and Writing pilot
- CSI (Comprehensive Support and Improvement)

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

- Bhworks-31n updates
- TCIS-Updates from Lauren Gray and Cynthia Alvarado
- Middle School added, new staff trained trainers
 - Next year, whole district

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Cassidy provided updates on the following:

- Enrollment updates
- STEM Night

Other: Community updates were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

ACADEMICS/PROGRAM GOAL:

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- B. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Woltman reported on the September 2, 2025 meeting of the Finance and Property Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Woltman, Ybarra and Arendshorst

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Associate Superintendent Murphy-Dubay, and Deputy Superintendent Pennington.

Guest: Jeff Hoan

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

- Financial Reports for August 2025: Associate Superintendent Murphy-DuBay will review the general fund budget to actual report and the capital project listing report for the month of August.
- Authorizing resolution- issuance of the bond-structure, debt fund, capital projects fund, who can sign documents, sale method.

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

- Vacancies and Postings Update
- Other Personnel Items

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

- Enrollment Numbers
- 2025 Bond Partners- GMB and RFP for Construction Managers
- Draft Lease Agreement with Holland Christian

Other: No other items were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:09p.m

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- C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Woltman reported on the September 2, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Colburn, Woltman and Ybarra

Administrators: Superintendent Cassidy

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Superintendent Updates:

- Enrollment Update
- Staffing Updates

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

Other: Items that were discussed include:

- Community updates
- Reinstatement Hearings
- Board Communications
- Middle School Robotics

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D. BOARD STUDY SESSION: Chairperson Woltman reported on the September 8, 2025, Study Session.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: President Colburn welcomed all participants and call 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, Ybarra, Mulder, Arendshorst, Woltman and Marroquin

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

GUEST: Director of Early Childhood Patty Beatty

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Early Childhood Programming Update: Director Beatty provided an overview of Early Childhood Programming.

Committee Reports:

- a. Teaching for Learning Committee: Chairperson Mulder provided updates with items discussed at the Teaching for Learning Committee meeting on September 2, 2025.
- b. Finance & Property Committee: Chairperson Woltman provided updates with items discussed at the Finance & Property Committee meeting on September 2, 2025.
- c. Executive Committee: President Colburn provided updates with items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on September 2, 2025.

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

Superintendent Updates:

- RFP process for 2025 Bond Construction Management
- Lease Agreement with Holland Christian
- Amendment of agreement with GMB for Architectural Design Services

Moved by Mark Woltman, supported by Diane Ybarra, that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the contract with GMB Architects for professional services related to projects included in the 2025 Bond Proposal, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
[Attachment A]

Board Meeting Agenda Construction: Board Members planned the agenda for the September 29, 2025 Board Meeting. (Maggie Telgenhof, Student Senate president, will provide an update. Other ideas: Hispanic Heritage Month)

Other: Instructional Assistant pay discrepancy and the possible 2025 Bond timeline were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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

- A. Superintendent Open Office Hours: Superintendent Cassidy has open office hours scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 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. Current Legislative and District Initiatives: Superintendent Cassidy shared information on recent district initiatives and legislative action.

Legislative Updates:

It has been announced that the Governor and legislative leaders had reached an agreement on a budget framework. Since then, we have heard no details other than the few items reported in the joint press release (road funding, tax on cannabis, no tax on tips, etc.). With very few details emerging regarding a school budget, most view this as bad news for our school aid fund and MPSERS rates. It is anticipated that the Per Pupil allowance will be at \$10,000/student and that funding for free breakfast and lunch will continue.

District Updates:

It has been a very busy month for HPS.

On Thursday, 9/25 we hosted the district-wide STEM Night at the High School. This event was in collaboration with Gentex, but was also supported by Holland BPW, HHS Robotics, Energy Great Lakes Education, LAUP, Code on Wheel, Miller Knoll, and Girl Scouts. The event featured several hands-on activities including the HHS robot, VR headsets, a paper airplane contest and was attended by 237 families. The winner of the paper airplane contest was HLA 4th grader Bronson Sellek with a flight of 67' 2".

Homecoming Activities start this Sunday with Powder Puff and an Alumni Flag football game immediately following.

- Powder Puff & Alumni Football Game | Sunday, October 5, 5pm
- Homecoming Parade | Friday, October 10, 6pm
- Homecoming Game | Friday, October 10, 7pm
- HOCP Fun Run | Saturday, October 11, 9am
- HOCO Dance | Saturday, October 11, 8-11pm

Bond Projects:

2021 Bond Projects-

Heights is progressing and continues to stay on schedule.

West demolition is well underway. We had a follow-up meeting regarding the Extended Learning Area spaces and have were able to confirm that many of the costs that were included by an estimator were already included in the original bid. The major item not included in the bid was accent lighting. We will be following up with a meeting next week to finalize

2025 Bond Projects-

Requests for Proposals for the Construction Management of the 2025 Bond went out on Tuesday, September 9th to OAK, Clark, Christman Group, GDK, and Lakewood Construction. RFPs are due this Thursday, October 2nd at noon. Companies selected for the October 9th interviews will be contacted on Friday, October 3rd.

We had a kick-off meeting with GMB today and will be planning community feedback sessions within the next few weeks. One request I have is to be able to gather feedback on the stadium at a home football game. This will be the first major project as part of the 2025 bond with an anticipated completion date of Fall 2027

XI. OTHER:

XII. ADJOURNMENT: President Colburn will adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Approved as presented: _____

Tim Marroquin, Secretary

