**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE**

**HOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**The School District of the City of Holland**

**Ottawa County, Michigan**

**March 18, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - WELCOME** – Superintendent Cassidy welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the District Administration Office, Board Training Room, 320 West 24th Street.

**ROLL CALL:**

BOARD: Trustees Arendshorst, Falstad, Mulder, and Ybarra

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Regular Business Meeting of March 18, 2024

2. Consent Agenda for March 18, 2024

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 19, 2024, Regular Business Meeting

**Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda for March 18, 2024.** The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL SENATE**

Student Senate President Owen Ceithaml provided an update to the Board.

* Posters for Unified Games
* Continuing to work on a plan for free athletic passes for students

**V. HPS CELEBRATES**

Youth in Government:The YMCA Youth in Government program allows high school students to serve in model government at the state capital. Holland High students met and worked with students from all over Michigan, trying to pass their bills through the legislature. The program gives the students a first-hand experience in government and allows students to sit in the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate chambers. The Holland students did a great job representing our school and our community. Greg Ceithaml introduced the students. Congratulations students!

School Nurse of the Year: Lisa Gort, HPS School Mental Health Care Case Manager, has been chosen as the 2024 Michigan Association of School Nurses School Nurse of the Year. Congratulations, Nurse Gort!

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

* Brad Lusk, Superintendent, Hamilton Community Schools, 4815 136th Avenue, Hamilton, MI. Thanked Holland Public for assisting and supporting them during a student's death.

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

Associate Superintendent Pennington recommended the following personnel action:

A. Hiring:

* **Jessica Janiuk,** District School Psychologist, effective August 2024.

**Moved by Lois Mulder,  supported by Linda Falstad,** **that the Board of Education**

**approve a probationary contract for Jessica Janiuk.** The motion was unanimously approved.

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

A. TEACHING FOR LEARNING – Chairperson Mulder reported on the March 4, 2024 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 Falstad, Marroquin and Mulder

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy and Associate Superintendents McCloud and Remillard

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

 following:

* Family Nights Update – March 19 at the high school

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

  following:

* Unified Basketball and Peer to Peer
  + March 13 at HHS
  + Peers and their Links will be joining from West, Jefferson, HMS and HHS

Superintendent Updates:  Superintendent Cassidy provided updates on the following:

* Youth Health Center
* Student Presentations
* OCSN Transition
* Calendar Updates

Other:

* Graduation Rates

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

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B. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Trustee Ybarra reported on the March 5, 2024

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 Arendshorst, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy, Associate Superintendents Pennington and Murphy-DuBay

Guest: Ryan Grinnell

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Youth Health Center: Ryan Grinnell with InterCare Community Health Network presented on the possibility of a Youth Health Center in Holland.

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

* Financial Reports for February 2024
* Discussion on General Fund Budget Amendment – Approval was requested at the regular board meeting.

**Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Linda Falstad, that the Board of Education approve the 2023-24 Budget Resolution Amendment.** [Attachment A]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Falstad, Mulder, and Ybarra

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

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

* Retirement Update
* Section 27K - Student Loan Repayment Program
* District Book Study
* 24-25 Calendar Update – Approval will be requested at the study session
* Job Fairs

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

* Dome Cooling Project
* Holland Heights Project Summary and Recommendation – Approval was requested at the regular board meeting.

**Moved by Linda Falstad, supported by Lois Mulder, that Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. be authorized to issue Notices of Pending Awards, in the amount of 21,267,027 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.** The motion was unanimously approved. [Attachment B]

Heights Elementary Renovation & Addition

1 Earthwork Redline Excavating LLC 1,045,000

2 Demolition Pro Tech Environmental Inc 129,000

3 Landscaping Harder Warner 264,230

4 Concrete Cannon Concrete 1,249,820

5 Masonry Integrated Exteriors 1,526,075

6 General Trades Nugent Builder Inc 1,074,140

7 Roofing Great Lakes Systems 761,770

8 Structural Steel Van Dellen Steel 872,700

9 Casework Flairwood Industries 335,460

10 Playground Equipment Sinclar 341,500

11 Aluminum, Glass & Glazing / Metal Panel Grandvalley Glass 925,000

12 LPDA Intext Concepts 666,995

13 Flooring River City Flooring 330,600

14 Painting Vork Brothers 219,150

15 Fire Protection Triad Fire Suppression 181,850

16 DDC Controls Grand Valley Automation 407,838

17 Mechanical/Plumbing Pleune Service Company 3,820,000

18 Electrical Excel Electric Inc 2,047,000

19 Commissioning Fisecx 48,375

Continued Superintendent Updates:

* Class Action Lawsuit vs. Social Media Companies
* Enrollment Projections
* OCSN Transition

Other: No other items were discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Trustee Ybarra reported on the March 5, 2024, meeting of the

Executive Committee.

Agenda Review and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Present:

Board: Trustees Colburn, Woltman, and Ybarra

Administration: Superintendent Cassidy

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Superintendent Updates:

* Staffing Updates
* Preparation for Strategic Planning Day
* Board Meeting Calendar and Agenda Items
* Youth Health Center
* OCSN Positions

Superintendent’s Progress Review: The executive committee reviewed the superintendent’s

progress.

Contract Renewal for Superintendent Nick Cassidy:  An extension of the superintendent’s contract

through June 30, 2027, will be recommended at the regular March board meeting.

Moved by Lois Mulder, supported by Christ Arendshorst, that the Board of Education

extend the contract for Superintendent Nick Cassidy through June 30, 2027. The motion was

unanimously approved.

Study Session Agenda Construction: Committee members planned the agenda for the March 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 6:15 p.m.

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D. BOARD STUDY SESSION – Trustee Ybarra reported on the March 11, 2024, Study Session.

Minutes for said meeting are enclosed. Board approval is requested for the following:

Agenda Review and Roll Call: President Colburn welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Training Room of the District Administration Building, 320 West 24th Street.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Unified Basketball Team: Coach Rumpsa and players Gabriel Benavidez II and Rionna Garino provided an update to the board on their season.

2024-2025 Calendar: Superintendent Cassidy provided an update on the 2024-2025 calendar. Board

action was requested at this study session.

**Moved by Lois Mulder, supported by Chris Arendshorst, that the Board of Education approve**

**the 2024-2025 Holland Public Schools calendar as presented.** The motion was unanimously

approved.

Committee Reports:

a. Teaching for Learning Committee: Chairperson Mulder provided updates with items

discussed at the Teaching for Learning Committee meeting on March 4, 2024.

* Associate Superintendent Remillard presented a mid-year data review.

b. Finance & Property Committee: Chairperson Woltman provided updates with items

discussed at the Finance & Property Committee meeting on March 5, 2024.

c. Executive Committee: President Colburn provided updates with items discussed at the

Executive Committee meeting on March 5, 2024.

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

e. HEA Communications Update: No February meeting.

Superintendent Updates:

* Update on gun safety and proposed board resolution

**Moved by Linda Falstad, supported by Lois Mulder, that the Board of Education**

**approve the Gun Safety Resolution, as presented.** The motion was unanimously approved.

[Attachment C]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Falstad, Mulder, and Ybarra

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

* Update on a proposed Youth Health Center in Holland
* Create a Board Member building visit schedule
* Discussion and Explanation of Graduation Rates
* Agreement for Law Enforcement Services at the Middle School and High School

**Moved by Chris Arendshorst, supported by Linda Falstad , that the Board of Education**

**approve the agreements for Law Enforcement Services as presented.** The motion was

unanimously approved.

* Discussion of Holland High School Athletic Facilities

Other:

* Ratifying Resolution – Board action will be requested at the regular board meeting.

**Moved by Lois Mulder, supported by Linda Falstad, that the Board of Education approve The Ratifying Resolution: School District of the City of Holland, $34,580,000 2024 Refunding Bonds, Dated March 27, 2024, as presented.** The motion was unanimously approved. [Attachment D]

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Arendshorst, Falstad, Mulder, and Ybarra

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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

* 1. Superintendent Open Office Hours: Superintendent Cassidy has open office hours scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 8:00 a.m. (one week later due to spring break) 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 want to reach Superintendent Cassidy, please email him at [ncassidy@hollandpublicschools.org.](about:blank)

2. Current Legislative and District Initiatives: Superintendent Cassidy shared information on

recent district initiatives and legislative action.

Dyslexia Bills

SB 567 & 568 passed the full Senate this week by a vote of 37-1.

These bills will next go to the House for hearings.

Teacher Evaluation Bills

SB 744 cleans up the teacher evaluation bill from the fall regarding one scenario where a probationary teacher could be stuck inadvertently with an additional year of probation. This has broad support and should sail through both chambers.

Attendance for Kindergarten

SB 285 expands compulsory attendance requirements to five year-olds. The bill would continue to allow “early five” programs

Cardiac Emergencies

HB 5527 modifies cardiac emergency response plans to ensure AED’s are retrievable in one to three minutes both during instructional hours and during after-school events.

Behavioral Threat Assessments

HB 5549 requires schools to assemble a formal team to assess when a student poses potential harm to self or others. This bill mirrors what most schools currently do with threat assessments.

Tobacco Bill Package

This package of eight Senate bills (SB 647-654) goes after the issue of teen vaping. Among other things, these bills would eliminate flavored tobacco and vaping products. These bills also increase tobacco taxes, yet again.

Superintendent Cassidy shared HPS Highlights taking place at our buildings.

X. OTHER: No other items were discussed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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

Linda Falstad, Secretary