Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Auditorium
January 16, 2025
6:00pm

In Attendance: Barbara Davis, School Committee Chairperson
Renee Malvesti, School Committee Vice Chairperson
Fred White, School Committee Secretary
Ryan Despres, School Committee Member
Christopher White, School Committee Member
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Christine Suckow, School Business Administrator
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Jennifer Bates, Holbrook Middle-High School Principal
Michael Bolger, Facilities Director
Rob King, Director of Technology
Rob Compton, Special Education Director

- FY25 Financial Report
- FY25 Schedule of Warrants Paid
- Robotics Out-of-State Field Trip Request, University of Rhode Island, March 13, 2025-March 15, 2025
- Robotics Out-of-State Field Trip Request, University of Vermont, March 27, 2025-March 30, 2025
- November 21, 2024 School Committee Minutes
- December 21, 2024 School Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Ms. Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resident's Concerns
None.

Student Advisory
Abby DeMarco and Krystine Le updated the committee on recent and upcoming events, some of which included the upcoming mid-terms next week and report cards will be available shortly thereafter. Capstone presentations began for first semester capstone classes. Mock trial has begun it preliminary competition rounds and the DECA team had their district competition last week.

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Award Recipients
Congratulations to the following John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients: Jesse Avitabile, Caleb Bayot, Garrett Cullity. Savea Carty-Pajotte, Abigail DeMarco, Dianini Edoulba, Kyle Esperon, Javari Etienne, Sophia Flecchia, Jaida Gedeon, Krystine Le, Alise Medor, Gianna Mingolla, Tevin

Ngo, Ethaniel Noncent, Emileigh O'Connor, Carmen Sautelet, Tuyet Pham, Elyani Ramos, Andrew Tynan and Kayle-Ann Yearwood.

Superintendent Report

John F. Kennedy Elementary School

Superintendent Hamilton reported on recent and upcoming events which included the JFK Snowball Slam reading program and that students have started unit 3 of their second step curriculum which focuses on empathy and kindness. Justin Howard, the new Assistant principal at the JFK, will be introduced at the next School Committee meeting.

Holbrook Middle-High School

Superintendent Hamilton addressed the HMHS Competency Determination plan that being drafted as a result of Question 2 passing eliminating the MCAS graduation requirement. A draft will be presented to the school committee in February for discussion and approval. There are three different steps, the first to be addressed will be the class of 2025.

MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) was in district today for a follow-up visit that needed to take place within 10 years of the new building being constructed and they were very pleased with how well the building has been upkept.

Financial Update

Ms. Suckow continues to monitor the expenses and will give updates as needed. All is going as expected.

Discussion Items

DECA Championship overnight trip, Prudential Center, Boston, March 2025

Mr. Hoyle presented the field trip.

Robotics out-of-state field trip request, Thursday, March 13, 2025 to Saturday, March 15, 2025, University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Kevin Monteith presented on the district competition event.

Robotics out-of-state field trip request, Thursday, March 27, 2025 to Sunday, March 30, 2025, University of Vermont.

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$500 Donation from ACC Transportation Company

Mr. Compton presented that ACC Transportation Company, who is a vendor of ours, donated $500.

November 21, 2024 School Committee Minutes

No updates or corrections.

December 12, 2024 School Committee Minutes

No updates or corrections.

School Committee subcommittee member reports

Mr. C. White attended SEPAC meeting which was well attended.

School Committee member reports

Ms. Davis mentioned that Division III has a meeting on February 10th on collective bargaining at 6:30 via zoom. Division III is also planning a legislative update in April at Southeastern Regional Votech. Ms. Davis also attended the MASC President's retreat where they discussed AI.

Action items

DECA Championship overnight trip, Prudential Center, Boston, March 2025

Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the DECA Championship overnight trip, February 27, 2025 to March 1, 2025 with the corrected location of the Seaport Center, Boston.

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November 21, 2024 School Committee Minutes

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Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted: (White/Despres) The School Committee made a motion to adjourn the regular School Committee Meeting of January 16, 2025 at 7:09pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary