

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 13, 2025 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
1019 McHugh Road
Holmen, Wisconsin 54636

01. CALL TO ORDER by J. Dieck, Board President

02. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

03. ROLL CALL by M. Smith, Board Clerk

Board members present were Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, and Chris Lau. Abigail Holthe (Student Representative) was absent.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President

With seven Board members present, J. Dieck declared a quorum.

05. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agenda for the October 13, 2025 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the Board.

07. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU

7.1 WASB Board Member Recognition

- a. Khadijah Islam
- b. Maggie Smith
- c. Bridget Todd-Robbins
- d. Barb Wuensch
- e. Jennifer Dieck

Board member Khadijah Islam was recognized for reaching Level 1 of the WASB member recognition program for professional development. Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, and Barb Wuensch earned Level 2 status and Jennifer Dieck achieved Level 3 recognition.

7.2 WASB 2025 Business Honor Roll

- a. Steiger Steel & Fabricating
- b. Rainbow Ridge Farms
- c. Jones Grain Farm
- d. Y Child Watch (Houser YMCA)

The Board recognized Steiger Steel & Fabricating, Rainbow Ridge Farms, Jones Grain Farm, and Y Child Watch (Houser YMCA) as Wisconsin Association of School Boards' 2025 Business Honor Roll Recipients in the School District of Holmen.

7.3 Introduction of New Staff

The Board welcomed all new staff members to the School District of Holmen (District). New staff members in attendance introduced themselves and described their new roles.

7.4 National School Lunch Recognition Week (Oct. 13-17, 2025)

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller invited the Board to join school districts across the country and proclaim October 13-17, 2025 as National School Lunch Week.

7.5 National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 20-24, 2025)

October 20-24, 2025 is National School Bus Safety Week. Dr. Mueller thanked the Transportation Department for all they do to ensure the safe travel of students to and from school and school events.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 CTE Curriculum

Holmen High School educators Haley Hesselberg, Heather Breske, and Tim Bakeberg presented on Career and Technical Education self-studies and curriculum development for the middle and high schools. The presenters

introduced CTE staff, reviewed marketing/business, technology, agriscience, and family and consumer science courses, including the mission statement, strengths, and challenges for each. The presenters highlighted Transcribed Credit courses, certifications, and other opportunities offered.

- 8.2 ESSA/Title I Report
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards and Title I teacher Shannon Krett shared with the Board the Every Student Succeeds Act/Title I report, which included information about schoolwide programs, the equitable multi-level system of support, and details of what Title I looks like in schools.
- 8.3 WSAS Report
K. Edwards shared data about the WSAS results from the spring of 2025, which include Wisconsin Forward Exam and the ACT Suite. K. Edwards explained changes to scoring with past year's results and how the District is adapting. She detailed celebrations, including reaching the ACT composite score benchmark for the first time, as well as opportunities for growth and steps for improvement to address each.
- 8.4 Early College Credit Program/Start College Now Requests
K. Edwards presented for approval on the October 27 consent agenda requests of HHS students to take college courses through the Start College Now and Early College Credit Programs. Thirty-one students have requested 50 courses through Start College Now and seven students have requested 14 courses at UW-La Crosse for an anticipated expense to the District of about \$24,000. The actual costs and number of courses taken is expected to be less than this.
- 8.5 Resolution for Modification of School Start Date for 2026-27
Dr. Mueller presented for approval on October 27 the recommendation for a resolution for modification of the school start date for the 2026-27 school year due to costs incurred from transporting resident students of private schools prior to September 1. If the resolution is approved by the Board, the resolution and a request to start the 2026-27 school year as early as August 24, 2026 would be submitted to the DPI in preparation for the District drafting the 2026-27 school year calendar.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the October 13, 2025 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: September 8, 2025 Board Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, and Staffing Update: Specialized Transportation Driver and Educational Assistant (Specialized Transportation). Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by L. Nied. Motion carried.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

- 10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports
L. Nied congratulated everyone that received an award tonight and thanked all those that help the District. She reported that she attended the WASB regional meeting and it is great to compare practices with other districts and hear we are doing well.
M. Smith congratulated the businesses honored, thanked tonight's presenters, and welcomed new staff.
B. Todd-Robbins noted a recurring theme of tonight's meeting was fiscal challenges facing school districts. She said she is hoping everyone is advocating to their legislators to improve public school funding. She said she appreciates everyone's hard work in the District.
B. Wuensch echoed the comments of L. Nied regarding the WASB regional meeting. She reported the Finance Committee met tonight and reviewed last year's referendum, outstanding debt, and discussed options to consider for the 2026 referendum.
K. Islam gave a shout out for exceeding the ACT composite score dashboard measure. She stated that is really awesome and feels good.
C. Lau noted there were a lot of positives tonight. He reported the Policy Committee met on October 1 and advanced 10 policies to the Board for review. He noted the revisions are all minor.
J. Dieck said we appreciate all the businesses honored tonight for being involved with our District. She provided a report from the WASB regional meeting including the workshop on chronic absenteeism and the meeting presentations on accountability, adopting a clear vision, and aligning resources with student outcomes. She noted that other districts had many questions for Holmen because we do many things well.
- 10.2 Correspondence received
- 10.3 School Board Committee Written Reports
a. May 7, 2025 Policy Committee Notes
- 10.4 First Reading of Board Policies
a. po 2261.01 Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs
b. po 2522 Library Media Centers

- c. po 4213 Student Supervision and Welfare
 - d. po 5112 Entrance Age
 - e. po 5310.01 Emergency Nursing Services/Plan
 - f. po 5411 Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students
 - g. po 5464 Early Graduation
 - h. po 5530 Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia
 - i. po 5771 Search and Seizure
 - j. po 8420 School Safety
- 10.5 Board Meeting Schedule
- a. October 20, 2025 Excellence in Education Committee Meeting, 5 pm
 - b. October 27, 2025 Budget Hearing, 6 pm
 - c. October 27, 2025 Annual Meeting, following Budget Hearing
 - d. October 27, 2025 Board Meeting, following Annual Meeting
 - e. November 5, 2025 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:45 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of October 13, 2025 at 8:31p.m. Moved by B. Wuensch. Seconded B. Todd-Robbins. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

