

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 24, 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 Barb Wuensch, Abigail Holthe (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, and Bridget Todd-Robbins.

**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 November 24, 2025 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

**06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one addressed the Board.

**07. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

7.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller congratulated the OHA-GET girls swim team who finished 4<sup>th</sup> at sectionals and Holmen High School (HHS) students Lydia Foster and Onnalee Wolff who competed at the State swimming meet. Dr. Mueller congratulated the cast and crew of the HHS one act play for performing at the State competition and noted the School District of Holmen is the Holmen Business Association business of the month. Dr. Mueller extended a thank you to Assistant Director of Facility Services Ben Gappa and maintenance crew members Brian Shockey and Eric Schmitz for moving the Holmen Middle School wellness center equipment to its new location.

7.2 Police Liaison Report

**08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU**

8.1 WI DPI Goal Oriented Achievement Learning Skills Certificate of Excellence: Daisha Rand

Dr. Mueller congratulated Daisha Rand, HHS Kitchen Manager, for earning her GOALS Certificate of Excellence.

8.2 WXOW Tools for Schools Recipient: Brandee Hrubes

Congratulations to Sand Lake Elementary teacher Brandee Hrubes who is WXOW's November Tools for Schools recipient.

8.3 AWSA 2026 Wisconsin Middle School Associate Principal of the Year: Ben Tashner

Dr. Mueller recognized Ben Tashner who was named the AWSA 2026 Wisconsin Middle School Associate Principal of the Year.

**09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

9.1 Entrepreneurship Class

Managers from the HHS Entrepreneurship class presented details regarding their holiday model store, "Avalanche Avenue." Students introduced their respective teams, outlined departmental objectives, and expressed gratitude to sponsors for supporting this fundraising effort, which benefits the Coulombe family of Holmen.

9.2 DECA Officers

DECA Officers shared with the Board a presentation outlining the organization's history, activities held throughout the year, leadership development, social media channels, income sources, and community service projects.

9.3 District & School State Report Cards

Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards shared with the Board the results of the State report cards for the District and individual schools as compared to peer districts and statewide. The District scored 79.8 or "Exceeds Expectations." This is the highest score in the region and second highest of peer districts. HMS received the highest score in the District of 88.2. Information obtained from the report cards is balanced with other data sources to drive instructional decisions made both at the school and district levels

9.4 Budget – Ranking Order of Unfunded Needs for 2026-27 Budget

Dr. Mueller presented to the Board for approval on December 8 the ranking order of unfunded needs for the 2026-27 budget. The District Dashboard is used to rank the needs submitted to the District Administrator by each school/department.

9.5 Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$4,525,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman presented for approval on December 8, the resolution authorizing the School District of Holmen budget to exceed the revenue limit by \$4,525,000 for five years beginning with the 2026-27 school year. If approved by the community, the additional revenue would be used for the purposes consisting of expenses for operations and maintenance, safety, and educational programming.

9.6 Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$4,525,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

J. Holman presented for approval on December 8 the Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$4,525,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

## 10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the November 24, 2025 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: October 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, Budget Status Reports, Field Experience Contract: University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, and Memorandum of Understanding: Occupational Therapy Assistant. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

## 11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

B. Wuensch thanked DECA officers for their presentation and noted she is excited to visit the model store this year. She thanked staff for all of their work for the open houses held on November 15, adding it was neat to see community members and former teachers checking out the buildings.

A. Holthe thanked the entire class for presenting and said it is gratifying to see their work. She recognized the successes of the two recent honor band opportunities. She said she was able to participate in events that showcased careers in education and provided an opportunity for student-musicians to learn from collegiate-level teachers.

K. Islam gave a shout out to Ben Tashner and congratulated him on being the Wisconsin associate principal of the year. She thanked the members of the Finance Committee for all of their hard work related to the referendum. She stated that all at the board table understand the gravity of what is being asked and appreciate presenters for being able to make it make sense. She noted the Board takes the topic of asking for a referendum very seriously.

C. Lau thanked the DECA officers and school store presenters adding that he always enjoys their presentations. He gave a shout out to B. Tashner, as well.

L. Nied agreed about the presentations and said it is always incredible to hear all the work that goes into running the model store. She reported she attended the open houses and it was really neat to see the actual work in person.

M. Smith seconded the comments of those before her.

B. Todd-Robbins said the school report card scores are amazing and thanked K. Edwards for reporting. B. Todd-Robbins thanked J. Holman and K. Mueller for answering the hard questions tonight and appreciated their openness and willingness to explain.

J. Dieck recognized all staff members for their incredible contributions in earning the District and school report card scores. She added that it takes every single person for this achievement. J. Dieck gave a special shout out

to Mr. Vogler and his HMS team for the highest score in history. She congratulated B. Tashner on being associate principal of the year, adding that every interaction she has had with him has been outstanding and it is obvious how much he cares. J. Dieck said the open houses were an outstanding way to say thank you to the school district community for their support. J. Dieck reported that she read to a Sand Lake classroom as part of American Education Week and spoke to the Intro to Education class on her public service role as school board president. She noted she enjoyed both. J. Dieck congratulated Brandee Hrubes on her award and said she is an incredible teacher.

- 11.2 Correspondence received
- 11.3 School Board Committee Written Reports
  - a. April 2, 2025 Wellness Committee Notes
  - b. October 13, 2025 Finance Committee Notes
- 11.4 First Reading of Board Policies:
  - a. po 8510 Wellness
- 11.5 Board Self-Evaluation
- 11.6 Board Meeting Schedule
  - a. December 1, 2025 Board Workshop, 5 pm
  - b. December 3, 2025 Policy Committee, 5 pm
  - c. December 8, 2025 Excellence in Education Committee, 5 pm
  - d. December 8, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 pm
  - e. December 22, 2025 Board Meeting, 7 pm

## 12. CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby moves to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in this case examine current limitations and potential opportunities which might be created by reconfiguring wage and benefit packages. Moved by M. Smith. Seconded by C. Lau. Roll call vote: Barb Wuensch-yes, Jennifer Dieck-yes, Khadijah Islam-yes, Chris Lau-yes, Lindsay Nied-yes, Maggie Smith-yes, Bridget Todd-Robbins-yes.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of November 24, 2025 at 9:17 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

