

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026, 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 Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Abigail Holthe (Student Representative), and Jennifer Dieck.

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 January 12, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the Board.

07. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU

7.1 WEAU Outstanding Educator Beth Waldron

District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller congratulated Viking Elementary music teacher Beth Waldron who was recognized as an Outstanding Educator by Fox 25/48 and WEAU 13 News.

7.2 HMS Food Drive Donations

Dr. Mueller thanked HMS students, families, staff, and the Holmen community for making the food drive an incredible success. She gave special recognition to the Bornitz Family, Green Leaf Trucking, Brice Prairie Property, Josh Alexander Ins. Agency, Jerry Ball, Tim Neubauer Trucking, Prime Source, William Klocke, Michael and Tammie Pietrek, Paul and Shauna Burgmeier, SCS Building & Remodeling, and Kyle Hemmersbach for their contributions.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 Educational Options – 2015 WI Act 55 Notice Reminder

Director of Learning & Assessment Lacey Sinn presented to the Board for approval on January 26 the Class 1 notice describing all educational options available to children who reside in the District, as well as notification about the District's accountability report. The notice will be published in the La Crosse Tribune on January 27, 2026.

8.2 WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement:

a. Boys Lacrosse

Holmen High School (HHS) Activities Director Jason Lulloff presented for approval on January 26 the WIAA co-curricular renewal agreement for boys lacrosse through the 2027-28 school year.

8.3 Anticipated Spaces for New Open Enrolled

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on January 26 the anticipated spaces for 2026-27 open enrollment as follows: 4K through 12th grade – unlimited. Currently-attending students will be guaranteed approval and placed according to Board Policy 5113. Siblings of currently attending students shall be granted preference in the random selection process according to Board Policy 5113. Anticipated spaces available for students requesting open enrollment for the following 18-21 year old transition programs: Project LIVE – 1, Project Bridge – 3, and Project SEARCH – open. Anticipated spaces available for students requesting open enrollment for Cross Categorical programming in the following schools/programs: Evergreen - 0, Sand Lake - 0, Prairie View – 0, and Viking – 0, Early Childhood Special Education – open, and all other schools are open. Students with special education needs requesting open enrollment into the District who require 1:1 adult support will be denied. There are no anticipated spaces for

students with speech and language services, occupational therapy services and/or physical therapy services requesting open enrollment into the District. There are no anticipated spaces for students with a disability-related need requiring crisis intervention for lagging skills in behavior.

8.4 Contract for Speech & Language Services

J. Mason presented to the Board for consideration on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to approve a contract for speech and language services to provide mandated services. If approved, the contract would be in effect from January 12 through April 1, 2026 with Adaptive Speech Therapy LLC.

8.5 2026-27 Budget - Preliminary Budget Input Variables Best Estimate

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman presented the 2026-27 budget forecast variables for board review. The proposed input variables are used to update a five-year forecast using both historical actuals and variables to produce new budget scenarios. Forecasting will be processed with and without a favorable outcome to the April 7, 2026 operating referendum to exceed the revenue limit by \$4,525,000 per year for five years.

8.6 Sand Lake Elementary Chiller Replacement Bids

Director of Facility Services Chad Brandau presented for approval on January 26 the recommendation to award the bid for chiller replacement at Sand Lake Elementary to August Winter & Sons with a total bid of \$258,000. The project would be funded by the school's sinking fund.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the January 12, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: December 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, Western Technical College – Experience Setting Affiliation Agreement, and Contract for Speech & Language Services. Motion made by B. Wuensch and seconded by B. Todd-Robbins. Motion carried.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

K. Islam said she hoped all are washing their hands and staying healthy.

C. Lau congratulated Mrs. Waldron. He added that she instilled a love of music in both of his daughters.

M. Smith congratulated Mrs. Waldron and wished C. Brandau a happy retirement. She thanked him for his service to the District and said she is happy he is willing to stay on to support the incoming director.

B. Todd-Robbins noted the 2025 social media recap had really impressive data on how many people the District is reaching and gave kudos to Communication Specialist Travis Judell. She congratulated C. Brandau, adding he is an asset to the district and is glad he is able to assist during the transition. B. Todd-Robbins gave a shout out to DECA on a strong presence at the district competition.

B. Wuensch echoed the comments of those before her.

A. Holthe reported the high school is busy with finals next week and she has heard positive feedback on the new zero hour at the school. She noted that swim and wrestling teams had great success over break and DECA advanced a number of students to the state competition. A. Holthe stated the Gathering of the Stars show choir event took place over the weekend at HHS with several high and middle school teams competing and over 100 volunteers.

J. Dieck reported that she spent the weekend at the show choir event and it was fun to see all the schools and performances. She reported she overheard someone saying the Holmen's event is very organized.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 Verification of Candidacy and Ballot Order

A Drawing for Ballot Order determined the placement of candidate names for the April 7, 2026 spring election as (1) Lindsay Nied, (2) Maggie Smith, and (3) Benjamin Hamburger.

10.4 WASB Proposed Resolutions

10.5 Board Meeting Schedule

a. January 14, 2026 Board Workshop, 5 pm

b. January 26, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm

c. February 4, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 pm

d. February 9, Excellence in Education Committee Meeting, 5 pm

e. February 9, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm

f. February 18, 2026 Board Workshop, 5 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of January 12, 2026 at 7:52 p.m.

Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Smith".