SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 26, 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 Maggie Smith, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Abigail Holthe (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, and Khadijah Islam. Chris Lau and Lindsay Nied were absent.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President
With five 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 26, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by K. Islam, seconded by M. Smith. 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 DECA members that participated at the district competition at UW-Stout and wished good luck to the 48 students that advanced to the state competition. Dr. Mueller congratulated the Holmen Middle School (HMS) students that participated in the WCBA All-State Junior Band and students that competed in the HMS spelling bee.
7.2 Police Liaison Report

08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
8.1 National School Counseling Week (Feb. 2-6, 2026)
In celebration of National School Counseling Week in February, Dr. Mueller recognized and thanked the school counselors in the District.
8.2 National Board Certified Staff
Dr. Mueller recognized District staff members who have received national certification in their field.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 ACE Academy
ACE Academy teachers Susi Holm and Matt Pagliaro shared with the Board the opportunities provided to students through the Community Connections and Risk-to-Resilience programs at ACE Academy, including information regarding placement, graduation, and future program goals.
9.2 Community Fund – BGC Report
Jackie Watry, Sierra Gage, and Brett Gullicksrud of the Skogen Boys & Girls Club presented to the Board regarding program offerings at the BGC and opportunities for District students including the Sail to Success academic program, Youth & Family Services, and teen program.
9.3 2024-25 Financial Statements & Management Letter
Director of Business Services Krystal Matt shared with the Board for approval on February 9 the 2024-25 Financial Statements and Management Letter. The auditor found no concerns with the financial statements, federal or state awards.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the January 26, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: December 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, Budget

Status Reports, Educational Options – 2015 WI Act 55 Notice Reminder, WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement: Boys Lacrosse, Anticipated Spaces for New Open Enrolled, and Sand Lake Elementary Chiller Replacement Bids. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

M. Smith expressed appreciation for school counselors with the transition from middle school to high school in her family. She said she attended the State Education Convention and served as the District's WASB delegate. She reported WASB passed an emergency resolution to fund special education as it calls for in the state budget.

B. Wuensch stated she is always impressed with the presentations of S. Holm and M. Pagliaro and the instruction provided at ACE Academy.

A. Holthe noted the new semester will begin on Wednesday and scholarship applications are due on Friday. She reported that she participated in the All-State Band along with Alia Lee, Abbie Wera, and Marcella Vahle. She noted that she attended La Crosse's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and was nominated for a youth award along with HHS student Brock Needham. She added that it was a great opportunity.

K. Islam thanked presenters from ACE Academy and the BGC for sharing. She noted the partnership with the BGC is great and it is exciting to see the organization expand its community outreach. She reported that she attended the State Education Convention and attended sessions on many topics. She noted Ben Tashner was recognized at the convention, too.

J. Dieck recognized that counselors play a vital role with our students. She noted the keynote speakers of the State Education Convention were great and her biggest takeaway from the convention is the power of belonging and its importance in academics.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. February 4, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 pm
b. February 9, 2026 Excellence in Education Committee Meeting, 5 pm
c. February 9, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
d. February 18, 2026 Board Workshop, 5 pm
f. February 23, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting, 5 pm
g. February 23, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of January 26, 2026 at 7:50 p.m. Moved by K. Islam. Seconded B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

