SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 23, 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, Abigail Holthe (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, and Lindsay Nied. Barb Wuensch was absent.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President
With six 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 February 23, 2026 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 noted Holmen Middle School (HMS) 8th graders will celebrate National History Day on February 26. She wished good luck to the boys wrestling team and 10 individual wrestlers (7 boys and 3 girls) who will compete at their respective state tournaments in the coming weeks. Well wishes and congratulations were extended to HMS student Oliver Thompson for advancing to the state spelling bee and the several Holmen High School (HHS) students that advanced to state solo and ensemble. Dr. Mueller recognized the HHS volleyball team received the 2025 WHSVOA Sportsmanship Award.
7.2 Police Liaison Report

08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
8.1 Wisconsin Public Schools Week (Feb. 23-27, 2026)
Dr. Mueller encouraged all to join in celebrating this week as Wisconsin Public Schools Week recognizing the remarkable educational opportunities provided to students through public education.
8.2 National School Breakfast Week (March 2-6, 2026)
Dr. Mueller thanked Director of Nutrition Services Mike Gasper and the entire Nutrition Services Department for their dedication to helping our students start their day with a nutritious meal.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 School Bus Bids
Director of Transportation Dan Garrett presented plans to purchase one new 77-passenger propane school bus for 2026-27 and two vans in 2025-26. Bids for the bus are due April 7 and will be presented at the April 13 Board meeting for consent. The purchase will be funded through referendum dollars approved for this purpose.
9.2 Private School Transportation Notification Deadline
D. Garrett presented for approval on March 9 the recommendation to establish a private school transportation notification deadline of June 1. With Board approval, late enrollment requests will be permitted on an ongoing basis, subject to District review and approval by the Director of Transportation. Students approved after the deadline will be assigned to an existing bus stop established for the upcoming school year.
9.3 La Crosse County Interagency Agreement on the Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Maltreatment
Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on March 9 the recommendation to approve the annual memorandum of understanding for the La Crosse County Interagency Agreement on the Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Maltreatment.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Smith requested item 10.5e 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separately.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the February 23, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented (excluding items 10.5e), which includes: January 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes, Personnel Report, Finance Claims and Accounts, Budget Status Reports; and Second Reading of Board Policies: po 0100 Definitions, 0143.1 Public Expression of Board Members, 0144.5 Board Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct, 0155 Committees, 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship, 1230.01 Development of Administrative Guidelines, 1240 Evaluation of the District Administrator, 2131.01 Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment, 2261.01 Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement in Title I Programs, 2431 Interscholastic Athletics, 5112 Entrance Age, 5135 Student Identification Numbers and Cards* NEW POLICY, 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care, 5505 Academic Honesty, 7440.03 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS/Drones), 7540.02 Digital Content and Accessibility, 7540.08 Artificial Intelligence, 8120 Volunteers, 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips, and 9151 Use of Cameras and Other Recording Devices in Locker Rooms. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

M. Smith moved to approve Item 10.5e 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship. C. Lau seconded. Discussion occurred. M. Smith moved to amend the motion and return po 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship to the Policy Committee for revision. Seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

Dr. Mueller recognized the staff members whose upcoming retirements appear on tonight's consent agenda.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

M. Smith congratulated retirees, thanked them for their service, and noted it is an impressive list. She stated next week is school Breakfast Week and stated one way Holmen is impressive is the creative and nutritious breakfasts provided to students. M. Smith thanked all those supporting the National History Day Effort and said the recent Board workshop was excellent.

B. Todd-Robbins expressed deep gratitude for those retiring, adding that she is sad to see them go, but wishes them well. She echoed the workshop was excellent and appreciated it.

A. Holthe reported Holmen students advanced to state solo and ensemble in 40 activities and winter sports have moved into the post season. The spring activities meeting is happening tonight. The HHS blood drive will be 3/6/26 and HHS held a Cups for Kindness event recently where cups of hot cocoa were served with positive messages. She noted that in a few weeks, she will begin sharing about being a student representative with classes in search of the next student to serve on the Board. A. Holthe volunteered at the Viking glow dance and reported Dr. Underly visited HHS today.

K. Islam congratulated retirees, adding that Sue Eitland was her fourth grade teacher.

C. Lau congratulated and thanked retirees. He also congratulated wrestlers and solo & ensemble musicians.

L. Nied congratulated S. Eitland and all other retirees. She said she attend the Prairie View bingo night and it was a fun opportunity.

J. Dieck stated that with Public Schools Week, she would like to thank all the dedicated employees of the District for the amazing job they do. She added that strong public schools are the heart of a strong community. She attended the show choir's closing curtain yesterday and commended Elliott Rickert for his leadership of the HMS show choir, both in the success and growth of the show choir, but also in teaching life skills to students. J. Dieck stated that she attended Trio of Treats at Sand Lake today and then the visit by Dr. Underly. J. Dieck congratulated wrestlers and thanked the retirees for their service.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

a. December 8, 2025 Excellence in Education Committee Notes

11.4 Board Meeting Schedule

a. March 9, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
b. March 11 2026 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:45 pm
c. March 23, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
d. April 1, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 pm
e. April 7, 2026 Spring Election

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of February 23, 2026 at 7:42 p.m.

Moved by M. Smith. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

