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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 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 Bridget Todd-Robbins, Barb Wuensch, Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, and Maggie Smith. 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 March 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 reported Holmen High School's (HHS) Theatre Department presented "Matilda" last weekend. Schools conducted lockdown drills on March 12. April 7 is election day with the Board election and operational referendum appearing on the ballot.
7.2 Police Liaison Report

08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
8.1 La Crosse Area Autism Foundation Grant
Dr. Mueller thanked the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation for their grant of $500 to HHS to be used for instructional outings for students with disabilities on M days. She also thanked HHS special educator Erin Baldwin for applying for the grant.
8.2 Recognition of Board Service: Bridget Todd-Robbins
The Board recognized Bridget Todd-Robbins for her service as a member of the Holmen Board of Education beginning in June of 2022. B. Todd-Robbins was presented with a certificate of commendation and a small gift.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 Early College Credit Program & Start College Now Requests
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards presented for approval on the April 13 consent agenda requests of HHS students to take college courses through the Start College Now and Early College Credit Programs. For the Fall 2026 semester, 28 students have applied for 39 courses at Western Technical College (Star College Now Program) and 11 students have applied for 16 courses at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse (Early College Credit Program) for an anticipated expense to the District of about $33,000. The actual costs and number of courses taken is expected to be less than this.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the March 23, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: February 18 and 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; 2025-2026 Summer School Programs: Elementary & Middle School; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Kids Memorandum of Understanding; and Second Reading of Board Policies: 5830 Student Fundraising, 6320 Purchasing, 6605 Crowdfunding, 6611 District-Supported/Sponsored Student Activity Accounts, and 7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

C. Lau seconded Dr. Mueller's comments on "Matilda." He added that the combined high school and middle school cast and crew put in a lot of time and work after school and it is one of the better performances he has seen of the Theatre Department.

L. Nied reported that she took her entire family to see "Matilda" and it kept the attention of all of her children. She stated that she heard there were many understudies performing the show she attended and they were amazing. She gave kudos to all involved. L. Nied said good bye to B. Todd-Robbins, adding that she is phenomenal, an advocate at heart, and that she appreciates all of her work and service.

M. Smith gave kudos to Dr. Mueller for taking part in the Chamber of Commerce's K-12 education panel with other school district leaders. She noted the panel discussed career and technical education, career initiatives, and other topics. M. Smith thanked B. Todd-Robbins for her service. She stated B. Todd-Robbins brings an important perspective, especially of youth that doesn't have as easy of a time as others and she will be missed on the Board. M. Smith reported the Wellness Committee met on March 11 for the last time this school year. The Committee reviewed resources for the wellness repository, which will be renamed as Travis reorganizes it. She stated the Committee also had good discussion about what is in and out of the scope of the Wellness Committee and heard great student feedback.

J. Dieck reported she attended "Matilda" and it was a phenomenal performance. She noted that of the 80 students involved, about two thirds were middle school students, and all did a phenomenal job. She commended the sixth grade student in the role of Matilda and was impressed with the number of lines she memorized. J. Dieck reported she attended the Kindergarten and first grade concerts at Sand Lake, as well as the pyramid orchestra concert last weekend. She stated orchestra teacher Sara Bieneman did a phenomenal job.

B. Todd-Robbins stated that it has been a privilege to serve on the board in a district committed to educational excellence and the wellbeing of students and staff. She commended Dr. Muller for her thoughtful leadership, long hours, and steadfast focus on the District vision. She added Dr. Mueller knows how to stay focused, when to collaborate, and brings so much integrity to the District. She commended the leadership team for their many examples of servant leadership and thoughtful Board reports. She noted every leader looks at education through the lens of community and it is impressive. She said the District has so many amazing teachers and staff, as is evident by the many awards and incredible examples of going above and beyond. She added she is grateful to the Board for everything she has learned and complimented each Board member. B. Todd-Robbins concluded by challenging Board members to continue to create space for the hard questions and diverse perspectives and said she knows they will continue to do amazing work.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

a. November 5, 2025 Wellness Committee Notes

11.4 Board Meeting Schedule

a. April 1, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting, 5 pm
b. April 7, 2026 Spring Election
c. April 13, 2026 Excellence in Education Committee Meeting, 5 pm
d. April 13, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
e. April 27, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting, 5 pm
f. April 27, 2026 Board Organizational 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 governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in this case, base wage negotiations. Moved by M. Smith. Seconded by C. Lau. Roll call vote: Bridget Todd-Robbins-yes, Barb Wuensch-yes, Jennifer Dieck-yes, Khadijah Islam-yes, Chris Lau-yes, Lindsay Nied-yes, and Maggie Smith-yes.

13. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of March 23, 2026 at 8:18 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.