**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN**
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
**Monday, April 13, 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 Barb Wuensch, Abigail Holthe (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, and Maggie Smith. Absent was Bridget Todd-Robbins.

**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 April 13, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

**06. VISIT WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DOYLE**
State Representative Steve Doyle discussed the status of the state budget surplus and bills passed by the State legislature impacting children and public education. Rep. Doyle addressed questions from Board members and listened to their concerns. He recommended reaching out to Joint Finance Committee members and encouraging contacts in other Wisconsin districts to urge their own legislators to advocate for public education.

**07. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
No one addressed the Board.

**08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU**
8.1 Volunteer Recognition Week (April 19-25, 2026)
Dr. Mueller invited the Board to join school districts and organizations across the nation in celebrating volunteers who share their time and talents to ensure a positive learning environment for our students.
8.2 Recognition of Board Service: Abigail Holthe (Student Representative)
The Board recognized Abigail Holthe for her service as the student representative on the Board during the 2025-26 school year.

**09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**
9.1 Resolution in Support of Including Voucher Payments on Tax Bills
Board Clerk Maggie Smith and Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman shared for approval on April 27, a resolution requesting municipalities to include a sentence on tax bills stating the amount levied to fund private schools. If approved, the District would communicate the resolution with the municipalities and local private schools.
9.2 2025-26 Budget – Third Quarter Revisions
J. Holman shared with the Board for approval on the April 27 consent agenda the 2025-26 third quarter budget revisions, including revisions to the general fund revenue and associated expenditures, special education fund revenue and associated expenditures, and capital projects fund.
9.3 Class Size Guidelines
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards and Director of Human Resources Melissa Kaatz shared with the Board updates to class size guidelines. The updates include adding a minimum class size while refining target and maximum class sizes. The updates support effective instruction, ensure efficient staffing, promote equitable student learning opportunities, establish clear guidelines, and promote fiscal responsibility.
9.4 YWCA Memorandum of Understanding
Director of Safety & Student Services Jennifer Gimmer presented for approval on April 27 the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCA to implement a restorative justice program.

9.5 YMCA Memorandum of Understanding

Dr. Mueller presented for approval on the April 27 consent agenda, the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA for surround care and summer care services provided by the YMCA in District elementary schools.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the April 13, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: March 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, and Early College Credit Program & Start College Now Requests. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by C. Lau. Motion carried.

**11. BOARD DEBRIEF**

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

B. Wuensch thanked Rep. Doyle for his updates, adding that she looks forward to his visit. B. Wuensch took a moment to honor the memory of Bob Hoffman who taught science at Holmen High School for 38 years and remained active in the community in his retirement. Mr. Hoffman recently passed away.

K. Islam thanked A. Holthe for her service and congratulated her. She continued that A. Holthe is always incredibly prepared, her reports provide a nice insight, and she is a strong leader. K. Islam thanked the community for showing support to the Board for seeking a referendum and said she is happy with the positive results.

C. Lau thanked Rep. Doyle for attending tonight's meeting, A. Holthe for her student leadership, and thanked all for supporting the referendum.

L. Nied wished A. Holthe well. She stated A. Holthe is intelligent, kind, and a great advocate. L. Nied thanked all who got out and voted. L. Nied reported the Excellence in Education Committee met tonight, but did not have a quorum. Committee members discussed the continued work on the partnership network and long range plan.

M. Smith agreed with the comments before her and thanked A. Holthe. She gave kudos to A. Holthe for all of her work with the Board, including sharing what she learned back to students through an Instagram account. M. Smith reported there is an overwhelming prevalence of volunteers in the community as seen with referendum efforts, working at election polls, 5th grade bash, Boosters, and many other events. M. Smith recognized J. Gimmer and Holmen Middle School principal Ryan Vogler and said she appreciates their service. She added she is happy for both of them, but sad for the District.

J. Dieck noted she appreciates Rep. Doyle speaking to us and thanked A. Holthe for everything, including her thorough reports and preparedness. J. Dieck stated April is Autism Awareness Month and spoke to the impact of early diagnosis and access to services as a parent and Board member. She noted that as a Board member, she is committed to giving all students the access they need.

A. Holthe thanked all for their kind words. She reported a student survey will soon be distributed and she hopes for high participation. She said as part of a 90's day celebration, many students pledged to put down their phones for a day. Sophomores had Forward testing last week and seniors received their caps and gowns three weeks ago. She recognized the student groups that shared at Rotary meetings and commended students for their interest and questions about the referendum. A. Holthe congratulated Quinten Smith on his election as Student Representative last week.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 School Board Committee Written Reports

a. February 4, 2026 Policy Committee Notes

11.4 Election Results

11.5 First Reading of Board Policies

a. 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship
b. 1213/3213/4213 Student Supervision and Welfare
c. 5136 Personal Communication Devices
d. 8462 Child Abuse and Neglect

11.6 Board Meeting Schedule

a. April 27, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting, 5 pm
b. April 27, 2026 Board Organizational Meeting, 7 pm
c. May 11, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
d. May 20, 2026 Senior Recognition Night, FAC 6:30 pm
e. May 23, 2026 Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony, La Crosse Center, 11 am

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of April 13, 2026 at 8:25 p.m. Moved by B. Wuensch. Seconded C. Lau. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

