SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 27, 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. OFFICIAL OATHS OF OFFICE
Board member Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Board members Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Benjamin Hamburger, and Quinten Smith (Student Representative).

04. ROLL CALL
Board members present were Jennifer Dieck, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Barb Wuensch, Benjamin Hamburger, and Quinten Smith (Student Representative). Maggie Smith was absent.

05. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President
With six Board members present, J. Dieck declared a quorum.

06. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agenda for the April 27, 2026 Regular School Board and Organizational Meeting. Motion made by B. Wuensch, seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

07. BOARD ORGANIZATION

7.1 Election of Temporary Chair
A motion was made by C. Lau and seconded by L. Nied to appoint J. Dieck to serve as temporary chair. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

7.2 Election of Board Officers

a. President
B. Wuensch nominated J. Dieck as president. B. Hamburger moved and C. Lau seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for J. Dieck as president. Motion carried.

b. Vice-President
K. Islam nominated C. Lau as vice president. K. Islam moved and B. Hamburger seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for C. Lau as vice president. Motion carried.

c. Clerk
C. Lau nominated M. Smith as clerk. L. Nied moved and C. Lau seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for M. Smith as clerk. Motion carried.

d. Treasurer
C. Lau nominated B. Wuensch as treasurer. K. Islam moved and C. Lau seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for B. Wuensch as treasurer. Motion carried.

7.3 Designation of Special Depositories

a. Investment Depositories

b. Checking Depositories

No action was taken on this item as bids will be brought before the Board for banking services at an upcoming meeting.

7.4 Designation of Official Newspaper
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper of the School District of Holmen (District) for the 2026-2027 school term. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

7.5 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Membership
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the District's affiliation with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

7.6 Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) Membership

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the District's affiliation with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

7.7 Designation of WASB Representative
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints K. Islam as WASB representative. C. Lau moved and L. Nied seconded the motion to approve K. Islam as the 2026-27 WASB representative for the School District of Holmen. Motion carried.

7.8 Designation of CESA #4 Representative (Convention June 3, 2026 @ 6:30 pm, CESA #4, West Salem)
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints J. Dieck as CESA #4 representative. B. Wuensch moved and L. Nied seconded the motion to approve J. Dieck as the 2026-2027 CESA #4 representative for the School District of Holmen. Motion carried.

7.9 Designation of School Board Meeting Dates and Times
a. 2026-27 Board Meeting Calendar
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise stipulated by the Board president, with special meetings posted as needed. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

08. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the Board at this time.

09. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary
District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller welcomed new Board member Benjamin Hamburger and new student representative Quinten Smith, as well as congratulated re-elected Board members Maggie Smith and Lindsay Nied. Dr. Mueller reported Dancing with the Sports Stars was held April 22 and raised over $25,000 in support of Officer Hickey while prom will take place on May 2.

9.2 Police Liaison Report

10. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU

10.1 Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2026)
Dr. Mueller invited the Board to join school districts and organizations across the nation May 4-8 in celebrating all school district employees who dedicate their time and energy toward making Holmen schools a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn, grow and explore.

11. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

11.1 School Bus Bid Results
Director of Transportation Dan Garrett presented to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to accept the bid of $145,879 to purchase one new 76-passenger school bus, with delivery expected in early fall of 2027.

11.2 Staffing Update
a. .5 FTE Occupational Therapist – Special Education
Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on the May 11 consent agenda the recommendation to approve the addition of a .5 FTE Occupational Therapist – Special Education to meet student needs.

11.3 Joint Federal Accountability Report (ESSA & IDEA)
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards presented the 2024-25 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) report including overall high performing results and individual reports. J. Mason presented the report for Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The District meets requirements, but there is significant racial disproportionality in identification for other health impairments. J. Mason discussed next steps to address the disproportionality.

11.4 Holmen High School Grading Scales and GPA Proposal
K. Edwards and Holmen High School Principal Wayne Sackett presented to the Board for report only the transition from a 4.33 GPA scale at HHS to a 4.0 GPA scale. The purpose of the change is to improve clarity, consistency, equity, simplify evaluations for colleges, and provide transparent achievement representation. The change will be implemented with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

11.5 Dual Academic Program Contract
a. University of Wisconsin – River Falls

K. Edwards presented for approval on the May 11 consent agenda the recommendation to approve the dual academic program contract with the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. The only change from the previous agreement is an increase of $15 per credit.

11.6 Employee Benefit Insurance Renewal

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman and Janice Wavra of The Insurance Center presented the 2026-27 employee benefits renewal to the Board for approval on the May 11 consent agenda. Changes include adding a $500 penalty for non-emergent visits to the emergency room and reducing the benefit limit for chiropractic care from 30 treatments per benefit period to 20. For 2026-27, the recommendation is to accept these proposed plan changes and the renewal increase of 5.4% for group health insurance premium rates and 0% for group dental insurance premium rates.

11.7 2026-27 CESA Contracted Services

Dr. Mueller shared with the Board for approval at the May 11 meeting the annual renewal of the CESA #4 contract and additional services provided through CESA #10.

12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the April 27, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: March 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; Resolution in Support of Including Voucher Payments on Tax Bills; 2025-26 Budget – Third Quarter Revisions; YWCA Memorandum of Understanding; YMCA Memorandum of Understanding; School Bus Bid Results; and Second Reading of Board Policies: 1210 Board-District Administrator Relationship, 1213/3213/4213 Student Supervision and Welfare, 5136 Personal Communication Devices, and 8462 Child Abuse and Neglect. Motion made by B. Wuensch and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

13. BOARD DEBRIEF

13.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

K. Islam welcomed her new colleagues and stated she looks forward to working with them. She gave a shout out to staff for staff appreciation week. She alerted those that live on Brice Prairie to work taking place on the railroad crossing that may cause detours and delays in their drive to school for the next couple of days. She noted the Legion is hosting a dance for 9-12 grade students and there will be a community benefit for Officer Hickey on May 17. She gave a shout out to the Dancing with the Sports Stars.

C. Lau welcomed B. Hamburger and Q. Smith and said he is looking forward to working with them in the coming years.

L. Nied gave a shout out to the people that take the time to email the Board and express their concerns. She added the Board does read the messages and follows up on them. L. Nied expressed her condolences to the School District of Onalaska.

B. Wuensch reported the Finance Committee reviewed policy updates and discussed the progress of the recent Board resolution. She welcomed the new Board members.

B. Hamburger thanked all for the welcome and echoed the comments of staff appreciation. He noted that it takes staff at all levels to make a school district work. B. Hamburger thanked J. Dieck for encouraging to him to run for school board, L. Nied and M. Smith for sharing how elections work, and the District Leadership Team and Dr. Mueller for their onboarding. He thanked his wife and daughter for their support.

Q. Smith thanked all for the warm welcome. He noted that he will report as a student of HHS and that overall, people are happy with things. He noted it is a very welcoming community as seen with the upcoming event for Officer Hickey. He reported that he saw the community support firsthand at the Officer Hickey fundraisers at Scooters and Burrachos. He stated next week is staff appreciation week and gave a special shout out to the Nutrition Services staff for providing a welcoming environment.

J. Dieck welcomed B. Hamburger and Q. Smith, adding that she looks forward to working with both.

13.2 Correspondence received

13.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. May 11, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
c. May 23, 2026 Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony, 11 a.m., La Crosse Center
d. May 26, 2026 Retirement Reception, 6 pm
e. May 26, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm (Tuesday)
f. June 5, 2026 Last Day of School

14. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of April 27, 2026 at 8:35 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

