SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 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 Benjamin Hamburger, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Barb Wuensch, Quinten Smith (Student Representative), and Jennifer Dieck.

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 May 26, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No one addressed the Board.

07. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
7.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary
School District of Holmen District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller congratulated the Class of 2026 on their graduation and reported the Holmen Area Foundation will hold their annual 18 Holes for Holmen Golf Outing on June 17. Dr. Mueller recognized the girls soccer, boys baseball, girls track, and boys track teams on winning conference championships.
7.2 Police Liaison Report

08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
8.1 2025-26 School District of Holmen Retirees
The Board recognized the 2025-26 District retirees. The 17 retirees have a combined 363 years of service and immeasurable contributions that will leave a lasting impact on the District.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 2025-2026 Fund 39 Debt Defeasance
Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman and Erik Kass, the Director of Public Finance at PMA Securities, presented to the Board the recommendation to defease a portion of the outstanding 2025 bonds for an estimated savings of $2,782,378 at a cost of approximately $17,000. This financial strategy is used by school districts to reduce bond interest by defeasing a portion of non-callable debt principal into an escrow account, providing future general fund property tax relief. The resolution to approve this recommendation will appear on the June 8 agenda.
9.2 Banking Account Services Recommendation 2026-2031
J. Holman presented for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to award banking account services to Merchants Bank.
9.3 2026-27 Base Wage Rates
Director of Human Resources Melissa Kaatz presented to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda the base wage rate recommendations for 2026-27 of a 3.0% increase distributed across all hourly and salaried pay staff groups. The distribution takes the form of an equal $0.66/hour increase to the base wage rate for all hourly and non-affiliated staff and 3.0% increase of base wages for nurses and administrators/directors. For educators, the distribution will be as a 2.63% base wage increase, in addition to a supplemental increase of .37% base wage (for a total base wage increase of 3.0%). In addition, the recommendation includes approval of

supplemental increases within specified groups. Approved base wage rates would be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

a. Hourly & Non-Affiliated
b. Nurses
c. Administrators/Directors
d. Educators

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the May 26, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: April 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; Banking Account Services Recommendation 2026-2031; 2026-27 Base Wage Rates: Hourly & Non-Affiliated, Nurses, Administrators/Directors, and Educators. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

B. Hamburger congratulated the graduates and recognized the conference championships of the boys and girls track and girls soccer teams. He congratulated the retirees and noted that it was tremendous fun having everyone here before the meeting.

K. Islam reported that she enjoyed graduation and celebrating with all the students and families. She congratulated the retirees and wished them all a peaceful and relaxing retirement.

C. Lau agreed that graduation was fun. He added seeing all the retirees is bittersweet. He congratulated the conference champions and said he recently had the opportunity to attend a few concerts at the middle and high schools. He commended Ms. Bieneman on the great job she does and said it is part of the well-rounded educational opportunity provided.

L. Nied congratulated everyone and wished them well in their future.

M. Smith and B. Wuensch echoed the comments of those before them. B. Wuensch added that graduation is one of her favorite board duties. She stated it is bittersweet to see all the retirees and years of service leaving the District. She commented that the retirees will be missed.

Q. Smith thanked and congratulated the retirees and graduates. He stated that as the school year ends, he would like to thank all the staff that make it possible for the schools to be such a wonderful place. He reported that WIAA state track and field will be at UWL this weekend.

J. Dieck congratulated retirees and thanked them for their years of dedication to students and the District. She congratulated the girls soccer team on the school's first ever MVC title. J. Dieck reported she attended the Evergreen Block Party for the first time and commended Principal Sarah Thompson on the great event. She stated she has attended many concerts and it is fun to see the growth and confidence over the year. J. Dieck stated the Senior Recognition Night was amazing and congratulated all the recipients. She attended the Village of Holmen Joint Review Board last week and provided an update on the referendum and District enrollment. She also served food at the Sand Lake picnic. J. Dieck agreed that graduation was a special event to be a part of with over 280 students graduating.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. June 5, 2026 Last Day of School
b. June 8, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
c. June 22, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of May 26, 2026 at 7:25 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

