SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 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 Chris Lau, Maggie Smith, Barb Wuensch, Quinten Smith (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, and Benjamin Hamburger. Khadijah Islam and Lindsay Nied were absent.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President
With five 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 June 8, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No one addressed the Board.

07. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
7.1 WKTY Graduation LiveStream
School District of Holmen District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller thanked WKTY for their livestreaming of the Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony.
7.2 La Crosse Autism Foundation Donation
Dr. Mueller thanked the La Crosse Autism Foundation for their donation of $500 to the District.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
8.1 2026-27 School Meal Prices
Director of Nutrition Services Michael Gasper presented the proposed 2026-27 school meal prices to the Board for approval on June 22. A price increase of $0.10 is recommended for student breakfasts and lunches and $0.25 for adult breakfasts and lunches. Nutrition Services will continue to provide meals at no cost to students who qualify for reduced-price meals during the 2026–27 school year.
8.2 Annual Evaluation of K-12 Literacy Program
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards, Director of Learning & Assessment Lacey Sinn, and District Literacy Coach Traci Sommerfeldt provided the annual evaluation of K-12 literacy program. For 2025-26, the District continued refinement of its literacy curriculum and assessment systems in compliance with Wisconsin Act 20 requirements. Additionally, the District provides intervention support beyond statutory requirements to help accelerate student growth.
8.3 Employee Handbook Language
a. Part I Section 3: Attendance
b. Part I Section 3: Employee's Child at Work
c. Part I Section 11: Personal Leave Accumulation
d. Part I Section 10: Holidays
e. Part II Section 2: Work Schedule
f. Part II Section 6: Base Wage Starting Salary
g. Part II Section 6: National Board
h. Part II Section 6: Subbing for Another Teacher
i. Part II Section 6: Summer School
j. Part III Section 10: Post Employment
k. Part IV Section 7: Post Employment Benefits
l. Part V Section 1: Middle School Co-Curricular Wage Schedule

Director of Human Resources Melissa Kaatz presented to the Board for approval on June 22 multiple updates to the Employee Handbook. If approved, the changes would take effect on July 1, 2026.

8.4 2025-2026 Fund 39 Debt Defeasance Issue Paper
Executive Director of Finance and Operations Julie Holman presented the issue paper related to the 2025-26 Fund 39 Debt Defeasance for approval on tonight's consent agenda.

8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, The Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation School Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, dated February 18, 2025 (the "Defeasance Transaction")
J. Holman presented a resolution that appears on tonight's consent agenda authorizing the transfer of funds, the establishment of an escrow account with respect to and the defeasance of certain of general obligation school facility improvement bonds, Series 2025.

8.6 2026-27 Preliminary Budget
J. Holman reported to the Board the 2026-27 Preliminary Budget, which has a projected general fund budget surplus of $564,815. The estimated General Fund balance for 06/30/2027 is $14,900,916. This item will appear on the June 22, 2026 consent agenda.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the June 8, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: May 11, 2026 Board Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; 2025-2026 Fund 39 Debt Defeasance Issue Paper; and Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, The Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation School Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, dated February 18, 2025 (the "Defeasance Transaction"). Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement
C. Lau quipped that he is concerned his child will not want pizza for dinner next year after hearing the enhancements to the high school lunch program. C. Lau congratulated the state track athletes and the state champion. He wished all a great summer and urged all to stay safe and have fun.
M. Smith thanked tonight's presenters, adding that school lunch, literacy, and budget seem like core topics of a school board meeting. M. Smith reported that she attended the Project Search graduation and enjoyed hearing each graduate speak about their experiences.
B. Wuensch congratulated the track athletes noting that many school records were broken. She stated she enjoyed the many end-of-year celebrations and activities, including the 8th grade graduation. She explained these highlight the care and commitment of District staff.
Q. Smith congratulated Jakai Ayed on his state championship and wished all a good summer.
B. Hamburger stated that he has an 8th grade student and attended the 8th grade farewell. He expressed appreciation to the Holmen Middle School staff. He thanked Mr. Vogler and gave Mr. Tashner a vote of confidence, adding that he will be a great leader at HMS.
J. Dieck congratulated track for all the records broken. She noted Holmen had many runner up finishes and one state champion. She congratulated the girls soccer team on their regional championship. J. Dieck attended Abby Holthe's graduation party and shared the thanks received from Abby. J. Dieck reported that she attended the Project Search graduation and her favorite part was the graduate speeches. J. Dieck attended the CESA 4 annual convention and reported back on the special educator induction and alternative license pathways programs discussed.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 Board Meeting Schedule
a. June 22, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
b. July 13, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
c. July 27, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of June 8, 2026 at 8:31 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Wuensch. Motion carried.

Submitted by Board Clerk Maggie Smith.

