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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 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 Jennifer Dieck, Benjamin Hamburger, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Barb Wuensch, and Quinten Smith (Student Representative).

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 September 14, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No one addressed the Board.

07. RECOGNITION & THANK YOU
7.1 School Supply Donations:
a. Prairie Home Assisted Living
b. Moxy Salon & Spa
c. River Bank
School District of Holmen District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller thanked Prairie Home Assisted Living, Moxy Salon & Spa, and River Bank for their donations of school supplies.

08. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
8.1 WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement:
a. Girls Swimming & Diving
Holmen High School Activities Director Jason Lulloff presented to the Board for approval on September 28 the two-year WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement for Girls Swimming & Diving.
8.2 New Course Proposals
a. Introduction to Sociology
b. Math 115: College Algebra (dual credit – Winona State University)
c. Adaptive Music
d. AP Business
Executive Director of Instructional Services Kim Edwards, HHS Associate Principal Nick Bakke, and HHS educators Ross Piersma, Rick Stuart, Christiana Martin, Heather Breske, and Haley Hesselberg presented for consent on September 28 the recommendation to approve the new course proposals for Introduction to Sociology, Math 115: College Algebra, Adaptive Music, and AP Business.
8.3 YWCA Memorandum of Understanding
Director of Safety & Student Services Cory Mueller presented for approval on September 28 the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCA to continue and grow the restorative justice program.
8.4 Post Graduate Outcomes
C. Mueller and Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented the post graduate outcomes report, including first year enrollments, retention and persistence, and graduation outcomes. C. Mueller and J. Mason also discussed trends, key takeaways, and next steps.
8.5 2025-26 Seclusion, Restraint, and Bullying Report

J. Mason presented for approval on September 28 the annual report of data collected on physical restraint and seclusion in the School District of Holmen, as well as confirmed incidents of bullying. Consistent use of the seclusion and restraint process, implementation of Ukero practices, and building level action plans have led to a significant decrease in incidents of seclusion and restraint in most elementary schools and the middle school.

8.6 Contract for Hearing Interpreter Services

J. Mason presented to the Board for consent on September 28 the contract for hearing interpreter services to meet student needs.

8.7 66.0301 Agreement for 18-21 Year Old Transition Programs

a. Project Bridge

J. Mason presented to the Board for approval on September 28 the cooperative (66.0301) agreement with the School District of Black River Falls for shared costs of Project Bridge.

8.8 2026-27 Budget – Proposed Budget

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Julie Holman presented to the Board for consent on September 28 the 2026-27 proposed budget. The Proposed Budget has a projected general fund revenue budget of $62,189,768 and a projected expenditure budget of $61,748,793, with a budget surplus of $440,975. The estimated fund balance 06/30/2027 is $16,146,887, representing 26.1% as a percentage of general fund expenditures. The Original Budget will be presented at the Budget Hearing on October 26, 2026.

8.9 2026-27 District Dashboard

Dr. Mueller shared with the Board for approval on September 28 the proposed 2026-2027 District Dashboard. Dr. Mueller highlighted changes from the 2025-2026 District Dashboard. The Dashboard serves to operationalize the District's Strategic Plan, ensuring alignment across all levels of the organization.

8.10 2027-28 Budget – Criteria for Funding Determination

Dr. Mueller presented the Criteria for Funding Determination for approval on the September 28 consent agenda. These criteria are established to ensure that funding decisions are aligned with District priorities and to support a more strategic allocation of resources.

8.11 Resolution Regarding the 2027-28 School Start Date

Dr. Mueller presented for approval on September 28 the recommendation for a resolution for modification of the school start date for the 2027-28 school year due to costs incurred from transporting resident private school students prior to September 1. Upon Board approval, the resolution and a formal request to start the school year as early as August 23, 2027, will be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction to seek a waiver.

09. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the September 14, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: August 10, 2026 Board Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Claims and Accounts, Affiliation Agreement: UW-Stout Polytechnic, Memorandum of Understanding: Peace of Mind Counseling, LLC, 2026-27 Academic & Career Planning and Education for Employment Plans, Contract for Hearing Interpreter Services, 66.0301 Agreement for 18-21 Year Old Transition Program: Project Bridge. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by K. Islam.

10. BOARD DEBRIEF

10.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

B. Hamburger gave a shout out to the high school for creating a welcoming building for his student's first month of school.

K. Islam gave a shout out for the new course proposals, especially the AP Business course. She added that she knows H. Breske has worked very hard on the business department, along with all educators. She stated that she is excited to see the MOU with the YWCA continue.

C. Lau said that he is super excited about the new course proposals. He added that as a father of two students, he will encourage them to check out the courses available to them.

L. Nied seconded the comments before her.

M. Smith stated that she is excited to see the SEL metrics expanded and liked seeing the course offerings that meet students where they are at. She added that a great deal of thought went into the proposals.

B. Wuensch echoed the comments regarding the course proposals and reported that she knows the college credits earned during high school help students financially in college.

Q. Smith reported the school year is starting very well. He stated students are adjusting well to the new policies requiring that personal communication devices be powered off during most of the school day and education has been provided on establishing a healthy relationship with phones. Q. Smith recognized the HS Social Studies Department for presenting and moderating discussion on sensitive topics objectively. He added the educators

are not just teaching students about the world, but how to learn about the world. Q. Smith stated the HS counselors and Student Services Department are the most wonderful people and are very welcoming. He added that they do a great job of guiding students to find their own goals and developing a plan to reach them. He reported the counselors encourage students to be problem solvers. Q. Smith also spoke positively about the youth apprenticeship opportunities available at the high school. He stated that Officer Blair is doing a great job and has reached out to Q. Smith for a student perspective on safety. He added that Officer Hickey left big shoes to fill, but Officer Blair is doing a great job.

J. Dieck noted she also thinks the school year is off to a great start and gave kudos to all. She stated that she is impressed with the course proposals, including the time and thought to meet student needs. J. Dieck said the proposed surplus in the budget is helping put the District in a better position. J. Dieck reported she and Dr. Mueller met with WASB Region 6 Director Larry Cyrus to discuss feedback and offerings from WASB and encouraged Board members to share feedback with her regarding WASB.

10.2 Correspondence received

10.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. September 28, 2026 Finance & Operations Committee Meeting, 5 pm
b. September 28, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
c. October 12, 2026 Student Achievement & Instructional Excellence Committee Meeting, 5 pm
d. October 12, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
e. October 26, 2026 Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing, 6 pm
f. October 26, 2026 Board Meeting, following Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of September 14, 2026 at 8:52 p.m. Moved by C. Lau. Seconded K. Islam. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

