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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 24, 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 Quinten Smith (Student Representative), Jennifer Dieck, Benjamin Hamburger, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, and Barb Wuensch.

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 August 24, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No one addressed the Board.

07. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
7.1 District Administrator Status Report Summary
District Administrator Dr. Kristin Mueller encouraged all to watch for students and buses with tomorrow's start of the 2026-27 school year. She noted Homecoming will be October 2 and invited all to attend the Pork Feed hosted by the Holmen Area Foundation before the Homecoming football game.

08. RECOGNITION & THANK YOU
8.1 Opening Day Community Partners
Dr. Mueller reported donations were received from many community partners to help make the Opening Day Kickoff and staff shirts a success. She thanked the following community partners for their generosity and support.
a. Altra Federal Credit Union
b. CCCP
c. CCS Presentation Systems – Wisconsin
d. Citizens First Bank
e. ClassDojo
f. Driftless Crossfit
g. Five Star Telecom
h. Flyway Fence Company, LLC
i. Gateway Scouting America
j. Holmen Area Historical Society
k. Leading Edge Chiropractic
l. Loffler
m. Lowman Family Dental
n. McDonald's (Courtesy Corporation)
o. Omega Bakery LLC
p. Rural Mutual Insurance (Kevin Carlson Agency)
q. State Bank Financial
r. State Farm (Bryan Helgeson)
s. Xetex

8.2 Gene Haas Foundation Donation

Dr. Mueller thanked the Gene Haas Foundation for its donation of $3,000 to the Thorobotics team at Holmen High School. This donation will help support the team with expenses this season.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 Affiliation Agreement: UW-Stout Polytechnic

Executive Director of Finance & Operations Kim Edwards presented for approval at the September 14 Board meeting the recommendation to approve the affiliation agreement with UW-Stout Polytechnic. If approved, the agreement would remain in effect through June 30, 2028.

9.2 Memorandum of Understanding: Peace of Mind Counseling, LLC

Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on September 14 the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Peace of Mind Counseling, LLC to allow the agency to continue to work with students in District schools.

9.3 2026-27 Academic & Career Planning and Education for Employment Plans

Director of Safety & Student Services Cory Mueller presented for approval at the September 14 Board meeting the 2026-27 Academic & Career Planning and Education for Employment Plans. There are no changes from 2025-26.

9.4 Holmen Board of Education Resolution in Support of a Proposed Amendment to WASB Resolution 5.51 Public Records Law

Dr. Mueller presented for approval on tonight's consent agenda the recommendation to approve Holmen Board of Education Resolution in Support of a Proposed Amendment to WASB Resolution 5.51 Public Records Law. The proposed amendment adds subsection (c), "Protection Against Abusive, Harassing, or Excessive Requests," to existing WASB Resolution 5.51 language. If approved, the resolution will be submitted to WASB for consideration at the 2027 State Education Convention.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the August 24, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: July 27, 2026 Board Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; New Position: Special Education Teacher (IEP Writing); Board Policy Updates for Acts 57/88/89: 0144.5 Board Member Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct, 1213/3213/4213 Student Supervision and Welfare, 7530.02 Staff and School Officials Use of Personal Communication Devices, 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7544 Use of Social Media, 8120 Volunteers, and 8462 Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Sexual Misconduct; and Holmen Board of Education Resolution in Support of a Proposed Amendment to WASB Resolution 5.51 Public Records Law. Motion made by C. Lau and seconded by K. Islam. Motion carried. Dr. Mueller recognized the retirements of Terry Geer, Sara Schultz, and Julie Holman, which were included on recent personnel reports.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports

Q. Smith stated that he hoped everyone had a great summer and that he is looking forward to school tomorrow, including the senior sunrise.

B. Hamburger noted the beginning of the school year has a unique feeling for educators. He stated he had a great time at the Opening Day Kick off and thanked all involved, especially the community partners. He congratulated J. Holman on her retirement and thanked her.

K. Islam wished all a happy first day of school and wished happy retirement to J. Holman.

C. Lau and L. Nied echoed the comments of those before them. L. Nied said she appreciated the Opening Day speaker and wished J. Holman the best in retirement.

M. Smith agreed with previous Board member comments and reported she attended the Opening Day Kickoff. She stated she liked the community partner component as it added great energy. She reported the speaker was very poignant. M. Smith commended J. Holman and the other retirees. She recognized the intentionality of middle school administrators to make each student feel welcome and said she appreciated the effort and time.

J. Dieck stated she attended the new teacher orientation where 28 new teachers were welcomed, included many special education teachers. She thanked the community partners for their donations, energy, and interactions at Opening Day, stating it was well done. She added that she is excited for the first day of school tomorrow. J. Dieck thank J. Holman for all she has done.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 Board Meeting Schedule

a. September 14, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm

b. September 28, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
c. October 12, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
d. October 26, 2026 Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting, and Regular Meeting, 6 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of August 24, 2026 at 7:19 p.m. Moved by M. Smith. Seconded B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

