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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 28, 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 Benjamin Hamburger, Khadijah Islam, Chris Lau, Lindsay Nied, Maggie Smith, Quinten Smith (Student Representative), and Jennifer Dieck. Barb Wuensch was absent.

04. NOTICE OF QUORUM by J. Dieck, Board President
With six 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 28, 2026 Board meeting. Motion made by C. Lau, seconded by K. Islam. 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 congratulated the School District of Holmen Nutrition Services Department on their recognition as the #1 Farm to Table place to eat in the La Crosse Tribune Readers' Choice Poll for the second year in a row. Dr. Mueller invited all to take part in Homecoming celebrations this week including the parade, Pork Feed, and football game on Friday.
7.2 School Resource Officer Report

08. RECOGNITION/THANK YOU
8.1 Introduction of New Staff
The Board welcomed all new staff members to the District. New staff members in attendance introduced themselves and described their new roles.
8.2 WASB 2026 Business Honor Roll
a. Midwest Millwork & Casework
b. Culver's of Onalaska
c. Metallics Inc
d. Olympic Builders
e. Riverland Energy Cooperative
The Board recognized Midwest Millwork & Casework, Culver's of Onalaska, Metallics Inc, Olympic Builders, and Riverland Energy Cooperative as Wisconsin Association of School Boards' 2026 Business Honor Roll Recipients in the School District of Holmen.
8.2 National Custodians Day (October 2, 2026)
Dr. Mueller urged Board members to join her in celebrating National Custodians Day on October 2 by sharing their appreciation for District custodial staff for their role in keeping schools running smoothly.
8.3 Wisconsin School Board Week (October 4-10, 2026)
Dr. Mueller recognized the contributions of Board members as part of Wisconsin School Board Week and thanked Board members for their service to the District.

09. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 Advanced Placement Results
HHS Academic and Career Planning Counselor Lindsey Seipp presented to the Board the 2025-26 Advanced Placement results for the District, including score and participation trends for recent years.

9.2 Early College Credit Program/Start College Now/Dual-Credit Programs
L. Seipp updated the Board on the current college credit courses available to HHS students through the Early College Credit, Start College Now, and Transcripted-Credit/Dual Credit programs and program participation.

9.3 2026 Referendum: Door Access, Facility Camera, and Bus Fleet Security Upgrade Bid Information
Director of Information & Technology Kathleen Stephany presented 2026 Referendum: Door Access, Facility Camera, and Bus Fleet Security Upgrade Bid Information. A bid recommendation will be presented and appear on the October 26, 2026 consent agenda.

9.4 Contract for Spanish Interpreter Services: Lilon Languages
Executive Director of Student Services Jill Mason presented to the Board for approval on tonight's consent agenda the contract with Lilon Languages for Spanish interpreter services to meet student needs.

9.5 Staffing Update
a. Additional .25 FTE Speech & Language Pathologist – Special Education
J. Mason presented for approval on the October 12 consent agenda the recommendation for an additional .25 FTE Speech & Language Pathologist to meet student needs.

9.6 CESA 4 Contracted Services Addendum
Dr. Mueller presented for approval on the October 12 consent agenda the recommended CESA 4 Contracted Services Addendum for the added service of the Library Media Specialist Professional Learning Network.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the September 28, 2026 Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: August 24, 2026 Board Minutes; Personnel Report; Financial Claims and Accounts; Budget Status Reports; WIAA Co-Curricular Renewal Agreement: Girls Swimming & Diving; New Course Proposals: Introduction to Sociology, Math 115: College Algebra (dual credit – Winona State University), Adaptive Music, and AP Business; YWCA Memorandum of Understanding; 2025-26 Seclusion, Restraint, and Bullying Report; 2026-27 Budget – Proposed Budget; 2026-27 District Dashboard; 2027-28 Budget – Criteria for Funding Determination; Resolution Regarding the 2027-28 School Start Date; and Contract for Spanish Interpreter Services: Lilon Languages. Motion made by M. Smith and seconded by C. Lau. Motion carried.

11. BOARD DEBRIEF

11.1 Board Member comments/reinforcement and committee reports
B. Hamburger thanked the business honor roll partners and noted that it is cool to hear how students are benefiting from these relationships. He added that it speaks to the support of the community. He encouraged all to thank custodians as they make buildings work and said the Nutrition Services recognition is exciting.
K. Islam welcomed new staff to the District and thanked the honor roll businesses.
C. Lau also welcomed the new staff and thanked the businesses recognized. C. Lau reported the Finance & Operations Committee held its first meeting tonight where the 2025-26 audit and meeting norms were reviewed.
L. Nied thanked everyone in attendance tonight and said she loved the speeches of the new staff. L. Nied reported that she listened to HHS Principal Wayne Sackett's interview on WIZM and enjoyed hearing of the Student Compass program implemented by Associate Principal Nick Bakke.
M. Smith agreed with the comments before her and thanked custodians. She noted that the community's support of Holmen schools is not typical and she is grateful. She gave a shout out to the Nutrition Services Department for the Farm to Table recognition and acknowledged the innovation and leadership of Mike Gasper.
Q. Smith reported that it is Homecoming week and Student Council and SLT are doing a great job of getting students excited. He recognized Nutrition Services and the new pizzas at lunch, as well as the success of the football team. Q. Smith stated he is part of the Viking Compass program, which pairs an incoming freshman who may have struggled in middle school, with an upperclassman. He said the program is a wonderful opportunity for both parties and helps build habits that will be useful after school. Q. Smith thanked the principals and school resource officer for creating a welcoming environment for all students and recounted how Principal Sackett visited with each student in his class recently.
J. Dieck thanked the new staff for choosing the School District of Holmen and the businesses honored for supporting Holmen schools by providing resources and opportunities. J. Dieck thanked the District's incredible custodians for keeping the buildings safe and welcoming. In celebration of Wisconsin School Board Week, J. Dieck noted that she is grateful to serve alongside such thoughtful and dedicated Board members. J. Dieck shared about her work with the WASB Policy and Resolution Committee this past week.

11.2 Correspondence received

11.3 Board Meeting Schedule
a. October 12, 2026 Student Achievement & Instructional Excellence Committee Meeting, 5 pm

b. October 12, 2026 Board Meeting, 7 pm
c. October 26, 2026 Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing, 6 pm
d. October 26, 2026 Board Meeting, following Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing
e. November 4, 2026 Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:45 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting of September 28, 2026 at 8:09 p.m.
Moved by C. Lau. Seconded B. Hamburger. Motion carried.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.

