SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
Monday, October 27, 2025 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
1019 McHugh Road
Holmen, Wisconsin 54636

01. School Board President calls the meeting to order

1.01 Land Acknowledgement
1.02 Pledge of Allegiance
1.03 Official notice of budget hearing and annual meeting
1.04 Introduction of School Board members
1.05 Recognition of District officials
1.06 Recognition of people who have helped with the Annual Meeting preparation
1.07 District Administrator's Report

02. School District's attorney reviews procedures under which the meeting will be conducted and qualifications for voting

The School District of Holmen's attorney, Sven Strutz, introduced the intent of the meeting, meeting procedures, and voting qualifications.

03. Election of chairperson to conduct the budget hearing and the annual meeting

Barb Wuensch, N6905 Pine Lane, Holmen of the Town of Holland nominated Jennifer Dieck as chairperson of the budget hearing and annual meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

04. Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Patrick Barlow of 907 Dana Lane, Holmen, in the Village of Holmen to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as provided in the Annual Report. Motion seconded by Mike Durnin, N8363 Ducke Drive, Holmen, of the Town of Holland. Motion carried on a voice vote.

05. 2025-26 Budget Summary Report

Julie Holman, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented the 2025-26 budget summary report.

06. Public hearing and review of the 2025-26 Budget

Maggie Smith, of 1318 Crockett Drive, Holmen, in the Village of Holmen asked why new construction does not necessarily result in an increase in new dollars for the school district. J. Holman responded that the school district is capped under the revenue limit for a maximum dollar amount the district can levy. Even if the property valuation increases, the levy cannot be increased (without voter approval to exceed the revenue limit).

Maggie Smith requested an explanation regarding how the $325 per student is not an increase in funding from the state. J. Holman confirmed the $325 per student increase is not increased funding from the state because the state did not allocate more money for the equalized aid pot of money. Therefore, school districts will have to levy to fully realize the $325 increase in per student funding.

Maggie Smith asked Julie Holman to confirm whether the enrollment decline is specific to the School District of Holmen or if it is in line with statewide trends. J. Holman confirmed that a decline in enrollment is not specific to the School District of Holmen.

Maggie Smith commented that the total paid in the School District of Holmen for private school vouchers has increased from approximately $80,000 ten years ago to $1.78 million this year.

07. Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Barb Wuensch and Director of Business Services Krystal Matt submitted the Treasurer's Report.

08. New Business

8.01 Set annual salaries of School Board Members for 2025-26

Motion made by Cheryl Hancock, 1007 Deerfield, Holmen, in the Village of Holmen and seconded by Mike Durnin, N8363 Ducke Drive, Holmen, of the Town of Holland to maintain the annual salaries of School Board members for 2025-26 at $3816.00. Discussion: Mike Durnin noted the board salary proposed is not a reflection of board members, but is taken into consideration due to the deficit of the current budget. Motion carried on a

voice vote.

8.02 Reimbursement of School Board Members' expenses
Motion made by Barb Wuensch, N6905 Pine Lane, Holmen, Town of Holland and seconded by Cheryl Hancock, 1007 Deerfield, Holmen, in the Village of Holmen to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of School Board members when traveling in performance of duties in accordance with po 0144.1 Compensation and travel reimbursement procedures in the School District of Holmen. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8.03 Recommend property tax levy for the 2025-26 school year
Motion made by Bridget Todd-Robbins, 811 Greenwood Street, Holmen, in the Village of Holmen and seconded by Khadijah Islam of W8243 Tower Street, Onalaska, in the Town of Onalaska, to recommend a tax levy for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of twenty-three million, two hundred sixty-three thousand, four hundred sixty-seven dollars ($23,263,467) upon all taxable property in the School District of Holmen for the purposes of operating and maintaining the district schools, community service programs, and for paying for debt for school projects. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8.04 Set date and time for 2026 Annual Meeting or authorize School Board to set the date and time
Motion made by Chris Lau of 802 Granum Street, Holmen, Village of Holmen, and seconded by Kristin Mueller, N6811 Roberts Road, Holmen in the Town of Onalaska to set the date of the 2026 Annual Meeting for October 26, 2026. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8.05 Other business as permitted at an annual meeting

09. Adjournment

Motion by Chris Lau, of 802 Granum Street, Holmen, Village of Holmen, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by Maggie Smith, Board Clerk.