Holton Public Schools Board of Education
October 12, 2026 – 6:00 PM
District Services Building

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 6:00 by Board President Amy Brookhouse

1. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call - Jack Vanderboegh, Beth Frey, Andy O'Riley, Amy Brookhouse, Brian Byrnes, Sarah Hippler. Absent - Amber Slater

III. Approval of Agenda

1. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
2. Supported by: Andy O'Riley
3. Questions or discussion:
4. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

IV. Special Presentations / Superintendent Reports

1. Superintendent's Goals for the 2026-2027 School Year

V. Discussion Items

1. Foreign Exchange Student List
2. Enrollment Trends
3. HS/MS Basketball Floor Life Update
4. Fuel Pump Cover
5. Vape Detectors
6. 31aa Resolution
7. Hiring Coaches
8. Hiring Athletic Event Worker

VI. Welcome and Public Comments

1. This is the time when members of the audience may address the Board of Education regarding any topic, including items on the agenda. We encourage you to express your concerns and ideas at this time; however, please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes. When addressing the Board of Education, please state your name and address.

VII. Consent Agenda Items (recommended to and supported by the Superintendent)

1. Approval of the September 28, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting minutes and Regular Board Meeting minutes.

2. Acknowledge the resignation of Jim Lothschutz as the Facilities Director effective October 14, 2026.

3. Acknowledge the resignation of Lisa Lewis as an Elementary Teacher effective October 16, 2026.

4. Acknowledge the resignation of Marissa Brandenburg as the Elementary School Based Clinician effective October 16, 2026.

    i. Motion by: Sarah Hippler

    ii. Supported by: Andy O'Riley

    iii. Questions or discussion:

    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

VIII. Supervisor Reports – None

IX. Action Items: (recommended to and supported by the Superintendent)

1. Approve the recommendation to hire Slater Contractors, 7861 Marvin Rd, Holton, MI 49425 to build a Fuel Pump Cover in the amount of $13,000.

    i. Motion by: Andy O'Riley

    ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes

    iii. Questions or discussion:

    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

2. Approve the recommendation to purchase vape detectors from Zeptive, Inc. 100 Brickstone Sq, Suite 208, Andover, MA 01810 in the amount of $10,755.00.

    i. Motion by: Beth Frey

    ii. Supported by: Sarah Hippler

    iii. Questions or discussion:

    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

3. Approve the Resolution concerning the acceptance of State School Aid Act Section 31aa funds as presented.

    i. Motion by: Andy O'Riley

    ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes

    iii. Questions or discussion

    iv. Roll Call Vote: JV Y BF Y AO Y AB Y AS – BB Y SH Y

4. Approve the recommendation to hire the following 2026-2027 Returning Coaches for the 2026-2027 athletic seasons.

    Megan Frees, 7th Grade Girls Basketball
    Laketon Belinger, Varsity Baseball
    Dalton Giddings, JV Baseball
    John Crowell, High School Boys Track Coach
    Mark English, High School Girls Track Coach

    i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes

    ii. Supported by: Beth Frey

    iii. Questions or discussion:

    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

5. Approve the recommendation to hire Chad Giffen as a Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Middle School Wrestling season.
    i. Motion by: Beth Frey
    ii. Supported by: Sarah Hippler
    iii. Questions or discussion:
    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent
6. Approve the recommendation to hire Heather Erickson as an Athletic Event Worker for the 2026-2027 school year.
    i. Motion by: Andy O'Riley
    ii. Supported by: Beth Frey
    iii. Questions or discussion:
    iv. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent

X. Announcements and Correspondence

XI. Board Comments

XII. Adjournment

1. Motion by: Sarah Hippler
2. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
3. Time: 6:47
4. Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Absent