

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Holland Township School

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Holland Township School was held Monday, July 10, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Milford, NJ 08848.

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:44 PM

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. WELCOME

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975); and that advance notice as required therein has been provided. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as indicated on the Agenda, at points in the meeting provided for the public to address the Board.

D. ROLL CALL

Bickhardt_P__
Brennan_P__
Curry_P__
Davis_P__
Hance_AB__
Johnson_P__
McGuire_AB__
Somers_P__
Soucie_P__

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. CONSENT AGENDA

All in favor: Yes: ALL No: NONE Abstentions: _____

1. Travel and Related Expenses Reimbursement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve work-related and related expenses reimbursement for the following staff members that is directly related to and within the scope of their current work responsibilities, promotes the delivery of instruction, and is critical to the instructional needs of the School District or furthers the efficient operation of the School District, and is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent.

- Chris Regan: 8/3/17-8/4/17, Teaching and Learning with Monarchs, Hillsborough, NJ, \$50 Registration, \$90 per day Stipend
- Shelli Deckert: 8/3/17-8/4/17, Teaching and Learning with Monarchs, Hillsborough, NJ, \$50 Registration, \$90 per day Stipend
- Nicole Carr: 8/3/17-8/4/17, Teaching and Learning with Monarchs, Hillsborough, NJ, \$50 Registration, \$90 per day Stipend

G. BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Building Schedule Discussion – Review of the Middle School Schedule staff resignations and staffing. Reviewed models with Board Members in an ad hoc meeting. Board members were updated in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board. 6-8th will comprise of 3 sections, class size reviewed 22-23 students in a class. Open for discussion. Comfortable with 22-23 students in a class at this grade level. Effect of class size on MS student performance, class size matters in elementary schools more significantly in early elementary. Survey done a few years ago was lower class size than what is being presented tonight. Dr. Yard and Superintendent are confident that the instruction would remain high with a good plan to address the changes.

Davis: if we do not go with this plan, then we may have to rife them in the future. 70 moving in but that is an outlier compared to 50’s around this group. Two to three years will have a greater impact.

Curry: on paper 22-23 but take into consideration the students being pulled out for help.

Bailey: the two most impacted are math and LA.

Brennan: are the students not in advanced math classes be larger? or will we identify more kids as advanced to equal the sections. Concerned about leveling sections.

Bickhardt: Math and LA are the two classes that will have special education teachers?

Yard: ad hoc committee was going to keep the schedule the way it is and I was happy with that because I like my teams. But the fact that we can fill it from within not concerned with the changes because we have a great staff. No one wants to bring someone in to let them go next year. Confident we will put together a program for our students, I’m just concerned that the timing is rushed. You will have classes of 23 in a class with an Aide, math is not a concern but I don’t think it will be.

Bailey: Need to know if we are comfortable moving forward? 5th at 4 sections and 6-8th at 3.

Around the room: all comfortable with 3B, Brennan not thrilled but best option with our current capacity concern around behaviors, lunch room issues and students with like bad behaviors are in closer quarters.

Bailey: when in the classroom the larger classes required me to tighten up the instruction. Clear feedback, we will make 3B happen.

2. Virtual High School Discussion: online learning as part of the long range plan, wanted to do both but due to changes in the schedule we don’t want to do all at once. Push off the

VHS until February after the schedule gets in place. All Board Members in favor.

I. **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

ESY is under way.

J. **COMMENTS: PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - NONE**

K. **SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS NONE**

L. **COMMENTS: PUBLIC – GENERAL - NONE**

The Holland Township Board of Education welcomes input from public entities and/or private persons as described in Policy #0167. At the discretion of the presiding officer, comments may be limited to three minutes in length.

M **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

. WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would clearly be in danger of unwarranted invasion; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Holland now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Confidential Matters by Law or Court Order
- Purchase Property
- Personnel Matters
- Invasion of Individual Privacy Employee or Student
- Investigation into Violations of Law
- Suspension, Civil Penalty or Loss of a License or Permit
- Disclosure would Impair District's Right to Receive Funding
- School/Public Security
- Collective Bargaining
- Pending, Ongoing or Anticipated Litigation

And be it further RESOLVED that the matters discussed in Executive Session will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.

1. **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion made by Casey Bickhardt, seconded by Brett Curry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board of Education enter Executive Session at 7:07 PM to discuss personnel and litigation.

2. **Motion to Enter Public Session**

Motion made by Casey Bickhardt, seconded by Phillip Brennan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board return to Open Session at 10:55 PM.

N. **PERSONNEL**

Role Call Vote:

Bickhardt ___ Brennan ___ Curry ___ Davis ___ Hance ___ Johnson ___ McGuire ___ Somers ___
Soucie ___

1. **Approve Special Services Supervisor**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the employment of Mrs. Kathryn Wilk as Special Services Supervisor for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on August 1, 2017;

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the Administrative Contract for Mrs. Wilk as the Special Services Supervisor with an annual salary will be \$103,760 (pro-rated amount \$95,113 for 2017-2018 school year).

2. **Approve Pre-School Teacher**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the employment, of Mrs. Connie Fortunato as Pre-School Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year beginning August 31, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Mrs. Fortunato will placed on the Step 3 MA of the 2017-2018 HTEA Salary guide, \$56,572.

3. **Approve Part Time School Counselor**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the employment, of Mrs. Kristen Deniz as Part-Time School Counselor (24.75 hours per week/.67 FTE) for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on August 31, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Mrs. Deniz will be placed on Step 3 MA at .67 FTE of the 2017-2018 HTEA salary guide, \$37,903.

4. **Criminal History Reimbursement**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the reimbursement of criminal history check for 10 parents who will chaperone the 2017 Fairview Lake overnight trip. The total reimbursement will not exceed \$375.

5. **Approve Contracting Services**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves contracting services with a medical doctor from Hunterdon Pediatrics to conduct a review of an independent evaluation as submitted by the family

6. **physician for student #23004.**

Approve School Psychologist

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Township Board of Education approves the employment of Ms. Lauren Dalley as School Psychologist for the 2017-2018 school year beginning August 31, 2017.

7. **FURTHER RESOLVED, Ms. Dalley will be placed on Step 1 MA+30 of the 2017-2018 HTEA Salary guide, \$57,872.**

Professional Development

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Township Board of Education provide Professional Development in curriculum and instruction to 9 teachers in the month of August, 2017, for 12 hours not to exceed \$5,500 to support the new middle school schedule.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made by Edward Johnson, seconded by Phillip Brennan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



David E. Pawlowski