

Holton Public Schools Board of Education
October 27, 2025 – 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, Amber Slater, Brian Byrnes, and Sarah Hippler.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 1. Motion by: Andy O’Riley
 2. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
 3. Questions or discussion:
 4. Vote: 7 - 0
- IV. Special Presentations / Superintendent Reports
 1. Presentation by Stacy Kniffel, Transportation Supervisor
- V. Discussion Items
 1. October is Principal’s Month – Certificate of Proclamation
 2. Student Enrollment/Pupil Count Day Update
 3. Hiring Secondary School Counselor
 4. Hiring Coaches
 5. District Support Organization - Senior Parents Club
 6. Turf Replacement Update
 7. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting
- 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 October 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.
2. Acknowledge the resignation of Paul Eriksen as an Elementary Paraprofessional effective October 17, 2025.
3. Financial Statement for September:

Cash in Bank as of 9/30/2025	
General Fund	\$233,293.36
General Fund Investment	\$1,108,167.82
Food Service Fund	\$66,973.66
Technology & Safety Millage Fund	\$41,879.50
School Activities	\$124,141.57
2018 Debt Retirement	\$156,230.12
2015A Refunding	\$132,821.29
2015B Refunding	\$137,191.04
Non-Voted Bond	\$38,097.23
Capital Projects Fund	\$315,968.86
Total Cash in Bank as of 09/30/2025	\$2,354,764.45

Bills payable in the following amounts:

Expenditures for September 2025	
General Fund	\$338,017.62
Food Service Fund	\$161,736.65
Activity Funds	\$13,657.12
Technology & Safety Millage Fund	\$10,226.88
Debt Funds	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$523,638.27

- i. Motion by: Amber Slater
- ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
- iii. Questions or discussion:
- iv. Vote: 7 - 0

VIII. Supervisor Reports – Written Reports in Packets

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

1. Approve the October 2025 Michigan Principals Month proclamation as presented.
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Andy O'Riley
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
2. Approve the recommendation to hire Amy Fairchild as a Secondary School Counselor pending the results of her background check.
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Sarah Hippler
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
3. Approve the recommendation to hire Ted Baker as a High School Esports Coach for the 2025-2026 High School Esports season.
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

4. Approve the recommendation to hire Layla Cannady as a Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2025-2026 Girls Basketball season pending the results of her background check.
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
5. Approve the Holton High School Senior Parents Club as a District Support Organization at Holton Public Schools.
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Sarah Hippler
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
- X. Announcements and Correspondence
- XI. Board Comments
- XII. Approve to enter into Closed Session regarding student #12002730
 1. Motion by: Amber Slater
 2. Supported by: Andy O'Riley
 3. Time: 6:29
 4. Vote: 7 - 0

XIII. Approval to return to Open Session

1. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
2. Supported by: Amber Slater
3. Time: 7:18
4. Vote: 7 - 0

XIV. Board Action of Student #12002730

*Approve to expel student #12002730 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Student may attend Holton Virtual Academy for the remainder of the First Semester and has the option to attend Holton Virtual Academy in person for the second semester. The student can petition for reinstatement to Holton Middle School in August 2026.

1. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
2. Supported by: Andy O'Riley
3. Questions or discussion:
4. Vote: 7 - 0

XV. Adjournment

1. Motion by: Sarah Hippler
2. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
3. Time: 7:19
4. Vote: 7 - 0