

**Holland Independent School District (014-905)  
Holland Board of Trustees  
HISD Administration Bldg. Conference Room  
105 S Rose Street**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Richter, Robbie Wiley, Bobby Ferguson,  
Mike Mazoch, Jill Marwitz, and Michael Kurtz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Cearley

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Cindy Gunn, Superintendent; Britt Gordon, High  
School Principal; Shane Downing, Elementary  
Principal; Leah Smith, Middle School Principal;  
Nancy Riley, Special Ed Director; Brad Talbert,  
Athletic Director

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Board President, Travis Richter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and asked the board to look over the Consent Agenda items for approval.

Mr. Downing reported that on September 22, Holland Elementary hosted Parent Night with about 150 parents and students in attendance. Parents and students received information about the new math curriculum and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade bazaar. Mr. Downing went over numerous activities that the elementary will participate in over the next few weeks. Elementary has started a reading intervention program called iStation, which is offered free through the state. They will incorporate this program during their AR time a few days a week. Overall attendance rate for the first six weeks in the elementary is at 97.2%. Mr. Downing is pleased with this number since over the past week we have sent teachers and students home with strep throat.

Mrs. Smith informed the board that Holland ISD has two students that qualified for the DUKE TIP Program. She congratulated JonCaleb Cearley and Luke Parmer on their achievement being accepted in this program. Mrs. Smith has several projects on going, one being National Junior Society in the middle school. She is in the process of looking for a sponsor who is a campus faculty member. Mrs. Foegelle has begun working with middle school GT students once a week during 9<sup>th</sup> period. The middle school has also started the intervention program, iStation. The middle school will also utilize another program offered free from the state called Think Through Math.

Mr. Gordon reported that the high school's current enrollment is 213 and they have an attendance rate of 99%. Mr. Gordon provided samples of the ACE Writing; he discussed how the scoring would be done on each paper. Mr. Gordon has been in contact with Lorena ISD to swap writing samples between the districts then have the students score each other's writing samples.

Mrs. Riley reported to the board that Hunter Holtsman was presented the Jennifer Phillips Award during the Rusty Awards on Thursday night. Hunter was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and has overcome many obstacles in his life. Hunter is a senior at Holland ISD and working for a vet clinic in Belton, TX. Hunter plans to attend college after graduation to become a vet tech.

Coach Talbert notified the board of our current records for volleyball and football. Cross Country will run in McGregor this weekend and the District Meet will be held in Apache Pass near Thorndale on Monday October 20. The Athletic Department is working on getting basketball equipment together, sign-ups, and scheduling for the new season. Baseball and Softball have their district set-up and are in the process of ordering equipment and working on non-district schedules. Track is starting to set dates for meets that we will participate in and the meets that will be held at Holland ISD.

Mrs. Gunn informed the board that the district started rolling out the new Surface Pro to the teachers. We have started another year with the Rural Health program, this program helps new nursing students, and doctors see the challenges that small communities face when it comes to receiving health care. Mrs. Cleveland and her FCCLA group provide a healthy meal for the nursing students, doctors, and community members involved in the program. The nursing students requested a copy of Mrs. Cleveland's recipes so they could make a cookbook to pass out to the community members in the program. Last week a round of lightning storms passed through our area causing damage to one of the scoreboards and supplies in the AG shop. We are working with TASB Risk Management to file a claim to get these items replaced or repaired.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Robbie Wiley to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2014, and to approve payment of expenditures for the month.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

A motion was made by Robbie Wiley and seconded by Michael Kurtz to hire Juanita Halle as Diagnostician for the Bell County Cooperative for Special Education.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

A motion was made by Jill Marwitz and seconded by Michael Kurtz to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY

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