

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Cearley

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

OTHER PRESENT: Leah Smith

Board President, Travis Richter called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and asked the board to look over the Consent Agenda items for approval.

Shane Downing reported that the 3rd-5th grades would begin STAAR testing next week. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary will provide about 150 dozen eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. The eggs will be for Daycare, PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade. Planning for the Summer Enrichment program has started. End of the year Primary Reading Assessments will begin the first Friday of May.

Janet Frazier reported that STAAR testing for 6th- 8th grades will begin next week, and stated that the calendar is full with reward trips, educational trips, and award ceremonies from now until the end of the school year.

Britt Gordon gave the board a report and a handout on the UIL Academic result from the Academics Spring Meet in March. Holland High School received 413 points and will be taking 20 students to the Regional UIL Academics meet May 2-3, 2014, at Blinn College. Mr. Gordon also reported the number of senior activities that will take place over the next few weeks before graduation with one being the Senior Walk on May 15. End of Course/STAAR testing will begin next week for the high school campus.

Nancy Riley reported she is finishing referrals and has sent evaluations to the principals for the diagnosticians and LSSP on their campus. She has received half of the evaluations back from each campus. Mrs. Riley is also working on getting more state credits for the new graduation requirements for Special Ed students with the HB 5/endorsements.

Mrs. Riley informed the board that she is on several Boards with one being TCASE Legislative Task Force. Each board helps us find new ideas and programs for each district's Special Ed Programs.

Brad Talbert informed the board of the current standings for softball, baseball, track, and golf and gave an overview of the upcoming athletic competitions. Holland Middle School 7th/8th grade boys finished 3rd at the District Track Meet and 7th/8th grade Girls won the District Track Meet. At the High School District Track Meet, Varsity and JV Girls were District Runner-ups. JV Boys were District Champions and Varsity Boys were District and Area Champions. Golf played in the Regional Tournament on April 14 and 15 and placed 11th. Hornet Softball is playoff bound. Summer leagues for volleyball will be in Cameron and basketball summer leagues will be in Academy.

Cindy Gunn updated the board on surveys that the district will be sending out in report cards for parents and students to complete. One of the surveys is The Family Engagement Survey. This is required by the Texas State Legislature to help gather information from parents, students, teachers, and community members about our strengths and weaknesses within the district. The other survey is a technology survey. With Holland ISD moving toward providing tablets for our teachers and students over the next few years, we need to determine as a district how many students have access to the internet outside of the classroom.

Mrs. Gunn gave an overview of the Proclamation 2014 and what changes this will have for the district over the next few years. She informed the board that since publishers are pushing the digital versions of their products, they have improved the electronic components available to teachers and students. Mr. Gordon is working on developing a policy for insurance and replacement if the equipment is damaged or lost. Mr. Cabaniss is working with Time Warner Cable to increase our bandwidth so that multiple users can access the internet at the same time. He is also working with our Infrastructure Network Company to ensure that we have enough IP addresses to accommodate additional devices.

Mrs. Gunn informed the board that Holland ISD did not have any resignations or any recommendations for hiring at this time.

Mr. Harold Kurtz was recognized for his 21 years of dedication of service on the Holland ISD School Board. Mr. Kurtz has led this school district throughout the years helping our district to grow and improve. His service and leadership will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Jill Marwitz and seconded by Michael Kurtz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2014 and payment of expenditures for the month.

Motion Carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Mike Mazoch to accept adopting textbooks for math grades K-8 and science grades K-12. The following publishers have been picked for each campus; Pearson-Elementary Math; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt-Elementary Science, Middle School Math and Science, and High School Environmental Science; McGraw Hill-High School Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and IPC; Goodhart-Wilcox-High School Anatomy and Physiology.

Motion Carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Harold Kurtz and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to approve HB 5–New Graduation plan and endorsements.

Motion Carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Mike Mazoch to approve board policy update 99.

Motion Carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Jill Marwitz and seconded by Michael Kurtz to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

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BOARD SECRETARY
