

**Organizational Meeting
Holton Public Schools Board of Education
January 13, 2025 – 5:15 PM
District Services Building**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:15 by Board President Amy Brookhouse
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call - Jack Vanderboegh, Beth Frey, Ranae Erickson, Amy Brookhouse, Amber Slater, Brian Byrnes and Sarah Hippler.
- III. Administering Oath of Office to elected Board Members – Amber (Cartwright) Slater, Brian Byrnes, Jack Vanderboegh and Beth Frey.
- IV. 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.
- V. Approval of Board of Education Organizations Matters (Agenda)
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
- VI. Election of Officers
 1. Nominations for Secretary of the Board - Amber Slater nominated Sarah Hippler
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Ranae Erickson
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

2. Election of Secretary of the Board - Sarah Hippler
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Ranae Erickson
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

3. Nominations for President of the Board- Sarah Hippler nominated Amy Brookhouse
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

4. Election of President of the Board - Amy Brookhouse
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Ranae Erickson
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

5. Nominations for Vice President of the Board - Brian Byrnes nominated Jack Vanderboegh
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

6. Election of Vice President of the Board - Jack Vanderboegh
 - i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Ranae Erickson
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
 7. Nominations for Treasurer of the Board - Brian Byrnes nominated Amber Slater
 - i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Jack Vanderboegh
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
 8. Election of Treasurer of the Board - Amber Slater
 - i. Motion by: Ranae Erickson
 - ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
- VII. Establish Board Advisory Committees: (Vice President stands in for meetings)
1. Finance
 - i. Amy Brookhouse
 - ii. Amber Slater
 - iii. Brian Byrnes

2. HEA Negotiations

- i. Amy Brookhouse
- ii. Sarah Hippler
- iii. Amber Slater

3. HESPA Negotiations

- i. TBD if needed
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

4. Policy

- i. Beth Frey
- ii. Amy Brookhouse
- iii. Sarah Hippler
 - 1. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - 2. Supported by: Ranae Erickson
 - 3. Questions or discussion:
 - 4. Vote: 7 - 0

VIII. Approve the designation of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., 2900 West Road, Suite 400, East Lansing, MI for all professional legal services for the 2025 calendar year, and authorize the Superintendent to sign and execute the retainer agreement with Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

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

- IX. Approve the designation of Brickley DeLong, 500 Terrace Plaza, Muskegon MI for all auditing services for the 2025 calendar year.
- i. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
- X. Approve the Superintendent's request, according to School Board Policy #5114 Foreign and Foreign-Exchange Students, to allow for the placement of more than five (5) students from a sponsoring agency to attend Holton Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.
- i. Motion by: Ranae Erickson
 - ii. Supported by: Amber Slater
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0
- XI. Acknowledge that the Superintendent, as part of normal school business transactions, may contract with local businesses that are owned or profited by current school board members. The Superintendent will enter into these contracts in accordance with the law and board policy. Current board members that own or may profit from such school business transactions will disclose these transactions to the full board in accordance with law and board policy.
- i. Motion by: Amber Slater
 - ii. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
 - iii. Questions or discussion:
 - iv. Vote: 7 - 0

XII. Approve the Resolution for the Adoption of MASB's Board of Education Governance Standards.

1. Motion by: Brian Byrnes
2. Supported by: Amber Slater
3. Questions or discussion:
4. Vote: 7 - 0

XIII. Adjournment

1. Motion by: Sarah Hippler
2. Supported by: Brian Byrnes
3. Time: 5:32
4. Vote: 7 - 0