

**Holland Independent School District (014-905)  
Holland Board of Trustees  
HISD Administration Conference Room  
105 South Rose Lane**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Richter, Mike Cearley, Bobby Ferguson,  
and Robbie Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill Marwitz, Mike Mazoch, and Michael Kurtz

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Board President, Travis Richter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and asked the board to look over the Consent Agenda items for approval.

Mr. Downing reported that the elementary campus will be losing 16 students and there will be about 12 new students enrolling. He updated the board on upcoming classroom changes for the upcoming school year. Some of the expectations and changes for elementary for the upcoming school year consists of incorporating writing in all subjects, new textbooks for math and science, restriction for playground use depending on the weather, GT service will be delivered as a pull out program, and we will focus on math tutoring four days a week after school.

Mrs. Smith started by congratulating the teachers and students of Holland Middle School for the five areas of distinction that the school received. She also thanked Larry Coufal, Robert Shandley and the summer workers for helping move furniture and packaging up the old textbooks to send to Africa. She informed the board that the master schedule was challenging, but all students now have a schedule. Current middle school enrollment stands at 63-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, 59-7<sup>th</sup> grade students, and 48-6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. Gordon started by congratulating Ray Palousek on being a two time UIL Music Theory State Gold Medalist. Mr. Gordon informed the board that as of today, there are 210 students enrolled in Holland High School.

Mrs. Riley reported that the Co-Op has a new intern that will be working mostly in Salado but will help in other districts if needed. Mrs. Riley has been attending training on the new STAAR accommodated test, which will be offered in place of the STAAR modified. The STAAR accommodated test is only offered online and has useful tools for the students to use during the test.

Mrs. Gunn informed the board that Holland ISD met standard on the Texas Education Agency 2014 Accountability Summary. High School received 3-distinction designations, Middle School received 5-distinction designations, and Elementary received 3-distinction designations. Holland ISD worked hard last year on post-secondary readiness and will continue to do so. Mrs. Fogelle will work with a pull out GT program to get the district's GT program up and moving for the upcoming school year. We would like to see all the district's GT students challenged and moving to the next level.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Robbie Wiley to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 9, 2014, with corrections and to approve the payments of expenditures for the month.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

Mrs. Gunn reviewed the 2013 School FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) stating that Holland ISD met all the indicators and once again received a Superior Rating, which is the highest rating a school district can receive. The FIRST rating is based on 2012-2013 information collected.

A motion was made by Robbie Wiley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to accept the resignation of Janet Ramthun and hire Olivia Tarnow as school nurse and Sharon Woodall as High School Special Education Teacher and Technology Integration Specialist.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to hire Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin and Niemeier, PC to perform the annual audit for 2014-2015.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to appoint Lyle Zoeller, Micah Holcombe, Heidi Prude, and Jackie McLaughlin of the Bell County 4-H Organization as Adjunct Faculty Members of Holland ISD Extracurricular Status Consideration Under 19 TAC§, 129.21 (k)(1) Pertaining to Extracurricular Activities.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

A motion was made by Bobby Ferguson and seconded by Robbie Wiley to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP).

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

Mrs. Gunn presented a Power Point to the board of the proposed budget and tax rate for 2014-2015 recommending that Holland ISD maintain the same tax rate for M&O and I&S since this will allow the district to make our bond payment and meet the needs of our students.

Upon Mrs. Gunn's recommendation, a motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Robbie Wiley to approve the proposed tax rate as presented by Mrs. Gunn, setting the Maintenance and Operation tax at \$1.04 and the Interest and Sinking tax at \$0.22, for a total tax rate of \$1.26/\$100 appraised value. This proposed tax rate will be posted in the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate and be published in the Temple Telegram and Tribune-Progress newspapers.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to set the Public Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Hearing for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Holland ISD Administration Building, with the Board Meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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