

**Holland Independent School District (014-905)  
Holland Board of Trustees  
HISD Cindy Gunn Student Center**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Marwitz, Mike Cearley, Cynthia Hernandez,  
Kori Hall, Veronica Lopez, and Michael Kurtz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cliff Cosper

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Shane Downing, Superintendent; Leah Smith,  
Middle School Principal; Gracie Schlickeisen, Middle School Assistance Principal;  
Lori Kinard, Elementary Principal; Nancy Riley, Bell County Co-Op Director; and  
Brad Talbert, Athletic Director

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Board President, Jill Marwitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked the board to look over the Consent Agenda items for approval.

Each campus administrator present presented their campus reports to the board. These reports are available for review on boardbook and a hard copy is kept in the administration office.

Mr. Downing reviewed the district plans for budgeting the remaining ESSER I and new ESSER III funds received from the state. The district will have to spend at least 20% of the funds towards interventions for students. The remaining funds can be spent on items that supports the CDC guidelines regarding the pandemic. The district has started a plan to utilize these funds. In order to truly build a plan, we need everyone's view. In order to do this, we will send out a survey to all the stakeholders to allow feedback. This survey will help make sure the district is putting the money in the correct area of our budget. We need to make sure we look at all areas such as hire additional staff, additional training/supplies, stipends for employees, infrastructure, counseling service, and update to higher quality filters for the air conditioners. Once we receive feedback, we will review and make our plan and get the application moving to receive the funds. Mr. Downing also reviewed the 10-year long range facility plan. This plan will help the district budget out every year items and improvements that will need to be purchased or done in order to keep our district moving forward. This will also help assign a committed fund balance for the district. We will have a staff appreciation and retirement reception on May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. Mr. Downing made a trip to Hutto ISD to look at teacher desks that they have offered to Holland ISD. Holland ISD will have our summer enrichment program this year starting on June 7 and running until July 1. Everyone is up for the cybersecurity training as required annually per HB3. Mr. Downing informed the board that we had one new COVID case last week and did have to send a section of students home. The teacher technology surveys have been completed and we will begin researching the best way to update teachers with a quality device.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Cynthia Hernandez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 21, 2021, and payment of

expenditures for the month.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Holland ISD did not have a school board election this May, due to the incumbents Jill Marwitz and Cynthia Hernandez being unopposed candidates for the three-year term election and Kori Hall being unopposed candidate for the two-year election. Jill Marwitz and Cynthia Hernandez have been re-elected to the Holland ISD School Board each for a three-year term and Kori Hall has been re-elected to the Holland ISD School Board for a two-year term. Tracey Nemjo, Business Finance, swore in the candidates.

In order to reorganize the board, Mr. Downing asked for nominations for the position of Board President.

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Veronica Lopez to keep all board positions the same from the previous year: Jill Marwitz, Board President; Michael Kurtz, Vice-President; and Cynthia Hernandez, Board Secretary; there were no further motions.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

No motion was needed at this time, due to Mr. Downing not receiving any resignations and is not hiring for any positions at this time.

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Kori Hall to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Temple ISD Regional Day School Program for the Deaf.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

A motion was made by Veronica Lopez and seconded by Cynthia Hernandez to accept the proposal from CDWG to purchase additional technology devices for the district.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Veronica Lopez to accept the proposal from Cargill for the maintenance building for Holland ISD.

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Board member Kori Hall had to leave meeting at 10:15pm

A motion was made by Veronica Lopez and seconded by Cynthia Hernandez to accept donations received by Holland ISD.

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Veronica Lopez to accept budget amendments.

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

The board tabled approving budget plan for the remaining ESSER I Funds and new ESSER III Application Submission until the June meeting, after the survey that is being sent out has been reviewed.

A motion was made by Michael Kurtz and seconded by Veronica Lopez to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY