

**HOLDEN R-III  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

- Building Facilities Tour:** Dr. Hough and the building principals gave the board members tours of the facilities prior to the board meeting.
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Tonyea Inglis at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School library.
- Roll Call:** All seven member were present, Georgia Jarman attended via teleconference.
- Board Norms:** The Board reviewed their norms.
- Agenda:** A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Ray Briscoe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Consent Agenda:** A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Alex Haun to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 7-0.
- Communications:** None.
- Reports:**
1. **Annual Transportation Report**—Apple Bus Co. representatives, Bobbi Kirkpatrick and Wende Verdeja shared the 2020-21 annual transportation report with board members. (Report attached to minutes).
  2. **Superintendent’s Report**—Dr. Hough shared the following:
    - a) **MSBA September video** discussed the Spring 2021 MAP assessment and its utilization, mental health needs of students and reminders about upcoming MSBA conferences.
    - b) **Online Parent Resources**—Available resources for parents and students on the District’s website.
    - c) **Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**—Dr. Hough shared the latest school quarantine numbers with board members. He reported that as of today the District has 20 positive COVID-19 cases, compared to 12 positive cases from the same time frame last year. As of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, the Elementary currently has 8 students quarantined by the school and 14 additional students quarantined by their family: the M.S. has 51 students quarantined, and the H.S. has 23 students currently quarantined. The Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> attendance rates by building were Elem.-85.38%; M.S.—72.09%; and H.S.—83.59%. Taking into consideration, the average attendance for the three years prior to March, 2020 pandemic was between 93-94%, the administrative team felt that when attendance drops below 90% that is telling us something is going on that needs to be addressed. Dr. Hough stated that the highlighted proposed revisions on the Strong Start plan include increased levels of mitigation to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, on Page 3 of the plan, the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point would read: *“As a measure to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, the district will monitor daily attendance in each of the school buildings. If a Holden R-III building drops below a 90% attendance rate for two consecutive days, the district will increase mitigation efforts, increased physical distancing requirements, and required masks/face coverings when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained. These increased levels of mitigation will continue until the attendance for that building has rebounded to at least 93% for a consecutive two-week period. A message will be sent to all families in the affected building if these measures become necessary and a follow-up message will be sent when the requirements have been lifted. These thresholds are well below our average attendance rates and would indicate increased community spread. Using these additional mitigating efforts during times of high absenteeism will ensure more students are able to be present for in-person instruction.”* Dr. Hough pointed out that even when the face covering/mask mitigation effort is required that students have points of time throughout the day that they can remove their face covering/mask when appropriate physical distancing is maintained. He noted that the District is trying to provide a safe and healthy environment for students to continue in-person learning and feels with these additional mitigation efforts it can help keep more students in school with fewer quarantines.

Old Business: 1. None.

- New Business:
1. Approve Transportation 2021-22 Routes--A motion by Kevin Coleman, second by Ray Briscoe to approve the 2021-22 transportation routes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  2. Surplus Property—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to declare the list of choir robes and technology items as surplus as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  3. Professional Development Plan—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Alex Haun to approve the 2021-22 Professional Development Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  4. District Sponsored Group List—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Sarah Abel to approve the 2021-22 District Sponsored Group list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  5. Update Board Perpetual Calendar—A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Alex Haun to update the Board perpetual calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  6. Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan—Dr. Hough recommended that the revisions referred to in his Superintendent’s Report be made to the Strong Start: Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Tonyea Inglis to approve the Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan revisions as presented. Board member, Alex Haun, requested a roll call vote be taken. After roll call vote motion carried 4-2, Alex Haun and Bobby Zimmer cast the no votes.

Policy Review: 1. Section B Review—Board member reviewed Policy Section B. No action taken.

- Miscellaneous:
1. Board President Updates—The October 11<sup>th</sup> agenda will include: Reports—Gifted Instruction, Food Service, Summer School, and Supt. Updates; New Business—Amend Budget
  2. MSBA Annual Fall Conference, Nov. 5-7, Marriott Convention Center, K.C. Tonyea Inglis, Ray Briscoe, and Georgia Jarman are registered. Any other board member wanting to attend need to let Patty Raker know as soon as possible.

Executive Session: A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sarah Abel to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Ray Briscoe to hold an executive session as per section 610.021 following tonight’s meeting as per section 601.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees. After roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment: A motion by Alex Haun, second by Kevin Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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Patricia Raker, Secretary

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Tonyea Inglis, President