

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2011**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robbie Wiley

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Cindy Gunn, Superintendent; Britt Gordon, High  
School Principal; Shane Downing, Elementary  
Principal, Nancy Riley, Special Education  
Director

Travis Richter, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked the board to look over the consent agenda items for approval.

Board President, Richter, called for the Campus Administrators and Superintendent reports.

Athletic Director, Gary Ramthun was in attendance to report on the athletic programs. He stated that there is an increase in the number of athletes, with 43 in football and 34 in volleyball at the beginning of the season. The students are really enjoying the new weight room, and there have been as many as 43 in the weight room at one time. Coach Ramthun stated that they are fully aware of the effects the heat can have on the athletes, and that the football boys are being weighed when they arrive for practice and weighed again after practice in order to help keep them hydrated. He informed the board that Billy Laxton will be coming to the school to check over players who sustain any injuries during a game. There will also be a doctor on the side-lines from Scott and White during the games.

Shane Downing, Elementary Principal, went over some of the changes being made in the classrooms due to having only one Pre-K class this school year. Currently there are 28 Pre-K students enrolled. Mrs. Gilley, the Pre-K teacher will have 2 aides in the classroom to help her. He is currently looking for an aide to replace Diane Felix to teach a Spanish class. At the present he has 13 students in ESL. One of the students, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, met the exit criteria last school year, and she will be monitored for the next 2 years.

Janet Frazier presented a hand-out with information pertaining to the Middle School, showing that currently she shows an enrollment of 153 students. Staff Development has been scheduled for Verbal Assistance and Behavioral Containment for safety, as well as District/Campus Improvement plans, PDAS (Teacher Evaluation) and STAAR (the new TAKS). She stated that the facilities are ready with waxed floors, clean flowerbeds and new benches for the veranda to welcome people as they come to the Open House on Monday, August 22.

Britt Gordon gave an update on the Eduphoria program, stating that usage will include benchmarking, data disaggregation, online staff development, teacher appraisal, and collaboration with staff across the state. He also handed out information on another program he will be using on his campus during the new school year called Study Island. He stated that this program reinforces the learning process and helps prepare students for a smooth transition to college or their career choice. Mr. Gordon handed out the updated Student Handbook for 2011-2012, stating that most of the changes were due to legislative updates.

Nancy Riley reported on the Co-op districts and classrooms. She said that there were 65 people signed up for the Containment Training sponsored by the Co-op, which is the largest number ever to attend this kind of training. She stated that the Co-op staff will go to individual districts this year for in-service, rather than have one big meeting for all districts. Mrs. Riley thanked the Holland School Board for all they do for the Co-op, and said that she is ready for the new school year to begin.

Cindy Gunn shared that the Ag shop is almost complete and looks really nice. Work has also been going on in the band hall to add a room for practice and tutoring students. The old Girl's bathroom beside the band will be used for band storage. Currently Mrs. Kriczky has over 70 band students participating. Mrs. Gunn stated that she will have the final cost on the Field House by the time of the Budget Hearing so that she can let the board know how much actually came out of fund balance. She went over the new Text Book purchasing procedures initiated by the state and informed the board that due to the small amount of money we will receive to purchase books, there will be a committee formed to decide which books are most needed.

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Bobby Ferguson to approve the consent agenda items, consisting of the payment of expenditures July 20, 2011 through August 10, 2011 and the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2011.

**Motion Carried:**           6-0          

Mrs. Gunn reviewed the 2010 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 data for this FIRST rating is based on 2009-2010 information.

Mrs. Gunn presented the Safety and Security Audit recommendations as required by TEA. She stated that Region 12 performed an analysis of the district's safety and security policies and procedures in 2008. Each year the plan is to be reviewed and updated. She went over the current needs for the district, which include having security cameras installed on the elementary and middle school campuses, as well as additional cameras in the new Hornet Field House and the Weldon Bowman Science and Technology Building.

A motion made by Mike Mazoch and seconded by Jill Marwitz to appoint appoint Bell County Extension Agents, Randall Rakowitz, Micah Holcombe, and Chelsea Stevens as Adjunct Staff Members of the Holland ISD for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1 in order to count students in attendance for Foundation School Program purposes while participating in 4-H/Extension educational activities

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0**

Mrs. Gunn presented a Power Point to the board of the proposed budget and tax rate. She informed the board that since the bonds have been refunded it has saved the district \$412,842 over the life of the bonds. The appraisal values have also increased. With these two factors, she said that the Interest and Sinking tax rate could be reduced by four cents, which is the recommendation she wanted to make. This will bring the total tax rate to \$1.28 /\$100 appraised value. She stated that she would like to hold the Public Meeting to Discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate on August 31, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Harold Kurtz and seconded by Bobby Ferguson 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 \$0.24, for a total tax rate of \$1.28. 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 PASSED: 6-0**

A motion was made by Mike Cearley and seconded by Mike Mazoch to set the Public Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Hearing for Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Holland ISD Administration Building, with the Board Meeting to follow at 7:00

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0**

A motion was made by Jill Marwitz and seconded by Mike Cearley to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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SECRETARY

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