

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW HOLSTEIN
NEW HOLSTEIN, WISCONSIN**

December 18th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Craig Sesing. Other School Board members present were Virginia Ortlieb, Brian Grenzer, Julie Schneider, Heidi Brill, Jodie Goebel and Don Turba. School Administrators present were Dan Nett, Doug Olig, Amanda Jacobson, Lori Verhagen, and Mike Hendricks. Also present were Nick Gries, Natalee Kraus, Ken Ortlieb, Rose Petrie, Sanna Huebschmann, Danielle Simon, Sienna Compton, and Mark Sherry.

Sesing verified that a notice of the meeting was legally publicized on December 15th, 2023. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Academic Spotlight: Nick Gries, Physical Education Instructor, presented on work habits grading in the high school. He highlighted the work being done by all teachers to emphasize focus, responsibility, and respectful behaviors. Natalee Kraus also presented her student perspective views on the benefits of this work and how it could help students now and in the future. Board members engaged discussion on current grading practices and expectations moving from middle school to high school. Also, board members discussed the importance of consistency in language alignment with job placements.

Motion by Turba, seconded by Schneider, to approve action items and report items on the consent agenda as published (Carried 7-0).

Action items and report items approved on consent agenda include:

- Agenda for December 18th, 2023 Board of Education meeting as submitted for publication
- Minutes: Regular Board of Education meeting of November 13th, 2023
- Minutes: Special Board meeting of December 13th, 2023, November financial statement, November and December invoices and payroll for payment.

Total Revenues for November 2023	\$ 220,992.89
Expenditures for November 2023	\$ 984,993.14
YTD Balance (All Funds) November 2023	\$ 5,027,663.84

- Personnel: Approve resignations of Casey Suttner – Middle School Counselor and David Meyer – School Bus Driver, Approve hires of Chris Lefeber – High School Administrative Assistant, Hannah Jerrier – Middle and High School Spanish, and Ashley Price – Elementary School Husky Den Aide
- Student Learning: Approve 2024-2025 School Calendar, Approve Elementary Teacher Literacy Training Resources – 95 Percent Group, Approve Early College Credit Program Application for Jacey Sesing, Approve Start College Now Applications for Caden Steffen, Courtney Steffes, and Caleb Schneider
- Administrative Reports of Pritchard, Jacobson, Olig and Verhagen

Following presentation by Mr. Hendricks outlining the pricing of the Symmetry Energy Solutions Contract, motion by Schneider, seconded by Grenzer, to approve (Carried 7-0).

Items of Information:

- Mr. Hendricks reviewed with the Board the 2022-2023 Final Audit Report as prepared by CLA demonstrating the overall fiscal health of the district.
- Following presentation by Mr. Olig, motion by Grenzer seconded by Brill to recognize and accept a donations from New Holstein Chamber of Commerce and Weber Oil (Carried 7-0).
- Holiday Break: December 23rd – January 1st
- Deadline to File School Board Non-Candidacy Papers for Incumbents: December 22nd at 5 p.m.
- Deadline to file School Board Candidacy Papers – January 2nd at 5 p.m.
- Joint State Education Convention – January 16th-19th

Future Meetings:

- Next Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m.
- Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Turba, seconded by Goebel to adjourn (Carried 7-0).

Julie Schneider, Clerk

Dan Nett, Acting Secretary