

HOLLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Minutes of 10/10/13

Present: Eli Gillen, Chairman; Larry Mandell, Secretary; Erik Iller, Erin Carson. Steven Anderstrom was absent.

Also Present: Deb Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Dold, Principal; Charlotte Lundgren, Recording Secretary

Audience Present: Meghan Thompson, Math Specialist

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

IMMEDIATE ISSUES

Reorganization:

Motion 13-36 by Eric Iller, second by Erin Carson to nominate Eli Gillen as Chairman of the School Committee. Motion approved unanimously.
The meeting was turned over to Eli Gillen, Chairman.

MOTION 13-37 by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to nominate Steven Anderstrom as Vice-Chairman. Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION 13-38 by Erik Iller, second by Eli Gillen to nominate Larry Mandell as Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

The three Union 61 members will be Eli Gillen, Larry Mandell and Erin Carson. Tantasqua Representative will be Eli Gillen. Erik Iller will be the alternate voter.

MOTION 13-39 by Erik Iller, second by Erin Carson to approve the minutes of June 13, 2013. Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reported that the budget was in good shape. She also reported that changes needed to be made to the salary lines due to contract negotiations.

MOTION 13-40 by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to accept the budget transfers as outlined in the document. Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION 13-41 by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to accept the financial report until audited. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A memo was received from Mrs. Boyd regarding increasing the cost of school lunch. Regulations mandate that paid lunches should equal the amount received for free/reduced

lunches. At this time we are \$.15 below the free lunch receipt. She suggested that the school lunch be increased by \$.25 for a total of \$2.75. Adult lunches would increase to \$3.50.

MOTION 13-42 by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to increase the school lunch price to \$2.75 starting in January. Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION 13-43 by Erik Iller, second by Erin Carson to increase the adult lunch to \$3.50. Motion approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Dold reported that she and the teachers are focusing on PARCC. Holland Elementary has been chosen to be a pilot school. The school will be doing the computer model.

The PTO will be holding an electronic recycling fundraiser on Saturday, October 26.

On October 21, Mrs. Dold and Mrs. Guerraz, sixth grade teacher, will be holding a Cyber Awareness night for 5th and 6th graders and their parents.

Mrs. Dold also reported that there were items that needed to be declared obsolete. They are: 1 HP LaserJet Printer 4250dtn; 1 Canon AIO Printer; 3 DVD players; 2 TVs; 2 overhead projectors; 18 Dell OptiPlex GX model computers; 4 Gateway computers; 2 Acer computers.

MOTION 13-44 by Eli Gillen, second by Erin Carson to declare listed items obsolete. Motion approved unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The joint meeting will be held on November 19th at 6:00 pm. The FY15 budget will be discussed.

Mrs. Boyd reported that the evaluation process is off and running. She also reported that there will be a professional development day on Friday, October 11th.

Mrs. Boyd turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Zanghi, who presented on MCAS scores and the new Math Pilot.

Mr. Zanghi noted that regarding the MCAS scores, Holland is a Level 1 school and did well.

He also discussed the new math programs that are being piloted this year. Currently the school uses Everyday Math. The Math Committee looked at 5 different math programs and narrowed it to 2; Envisions and Go Math which are being piloted in the third grade classes. There will be a recommendation by the end of the year as to which program will be chosen and what the potential expense will be.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Iller raised the subject of starting school before or after Labor Day. There was a discussion regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mandell said that there would be a public hearing and special town meeting in November so that the rest of the sign for the elementary school could be purchased.

A request was made of the Committee to appoint Dr. Erin Nosek as a voting member on the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Board.

MOTION 13-45 by Eli Gillen, second by Erin Carson to appoint Dr. Erin Nosek as a voting member on the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Board. Motion approved unanimously.

Mrs. Boyd reported that an Extended Day Revolving Account has been created for the Extended Day Program which is held from 6:30-8:30 am and 3:00-5:00 pm.

MOTION 13-46 by Larry Mandell, second by Eli Gillen to establish a revolving fund for the Extended Day program. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Gillen shared information with Mrs. Dold regarding the program Sending Letters to Soldiers.

MOTION 13-47 by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Mandell
Secretary