

# HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of 6/12/14

**Present:** Eli Gillen, Chairman; Steven Anderstrom, Vice Chairman; Larry Mandell, Secretary; Erick Iller, Erin Carson

**Also Present:** Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Deb Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance; Jennifer Dold, Principal; Charlotte Lundgren, Recording Secretary

**Audience Present:** Meghan Thompson, Math Specialist

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

**IMMEDIATE ISSUES:** Reorganization.

**MOTION 14-30** by Larry Mandell, second by Erin Carson to nominate Eli Gillen as Chairman of the Holland School Committee. Motion approved unanimously. Dr. Nosek turned over the meeting to Mr. Gillen.

**MOTION 14-31** by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to nominate Steven Anderstrom as Vice Chairman. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-32** by Eli Gillen, second by Larry Mandell, to nominate Erik Iller as Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-33** by Erin Carson, second by Erik Iller to nominate Eli Gillen as Tantasqua Representative. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-34** by Steven Anderstrom, second by Erik Iller to nominate Erin Carson, Eli Gillen and Erik Iller for Union 61 Representatives. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-35** by Eli Gillen, second by Erin Carson to nominate Steven Anderstrom as the Alternate for Union 61. Motion approved unanimously.

### MINUTES

**MOTION 14-36** by Erin Carson, second by Steven Anderstrom to accept the minutes of May 27, 2014. Motion approved 4 in favor, 1 abstention.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reported that end of the year ordering is being done and projects are being finished. Supplies for next year have been ordered. The budget is in good shape.

**MOTION 14-37** by Steven Anderstrom, second by Erik Iller to accept the financial report until audited.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The town's vehicle use policy was brought to the School's Legal Counsel and he found no problems with the policy. He did say that if there was a conflict between the town and school policies the school policy would supersede.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Dold spoke about kindergarten enrollment. There are 22 children registered for Kindergarten. The recommendation is to split the class and add a second teacher. The second recommendation would be to accept 6 School Choice students. A new teacher would need to be hired.

**MOTION 14-38** by Eli Gillen, second by Steven Anderstrom to authorize the principal to hire a second kindergarten teacher. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-39** by Erin Carson, second by Larry Mandell to accept up to 6 School Choice students for Kindergarten. Motion approved unanimously.

Mrs. Dold asked the Committee to accept the School Mission Statement, School Improvement Plan. She also presented the final draft of the School Usage form.

**MOTION 14-40** by Erin Carson, second by Larry Mandell to accept the School Improvement Plan as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION 14-41** by Larry Mandell, second by Steven Anderstrom to accept the School Mission Statement. Motion approved unanimously.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Nosek reported that the year is winding down. School will end on Thursday, June 19.

Mrs. Nosek reminded the Committee that the Joint Meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 17.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Mandell asked the Committee to accept the motion that he had made at last month's meeting which would request that the MASC place the following motion on its agenda for consideration at the annual convention.

**MOTION 14-42** by Larry Mandell, second by Eli Gillen that the Holland School Committee endorse the action by TRSC that MASC place the following motion on the agenda for consideration at the annual convention: "The MASC hereby calls upon the State Board of

Education to abandon PARCC testing, drop participation in the Common Core and return the Commonwealth to its original MCAS testing system”. Motion failed - 3 opposed, 2 in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Nosek requested that the Committee vote to approve the Agreement for the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative (SWCEC).

**MOTION 14-43** by Eli Gillen, second by Erik Iller to accept the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Nosek and Mrs. Dold recommended that the students take the PARCC test next year instead of MCAS.

**MOTION 14-44** by Eli Gillen, second by Erin Carson to take the PARCC Assessment next year. Motion approved 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

Mr. Gillen inquired about the new Math program. Dr. Nosek reported that the third graders piloted the Go Math program. Mrs. Dold reported that the children in fifth grade had amazing growth over the year. The Go Math program has been accepted by the district.

Mr. Iller asked if it would be possible for a smart board to be put in the Art/Music room. This room and the preschool room are the only classrooms without a smart board. Mrs. Dold proposed that this be put on next year’s Capital Plan.

Mr. Mandell told that Committee that he will be resigning from the School Committee as of 7/1/14, due to the fact that he has been elected to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee thanked him for his years of service and wished him well.

**MOTION 14-45** by Steven Anderstrom, second by Eli Gillen to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Mandell, Secretary