

HOLLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
At Holland School
Minutes

Board Members:

Lincoln Petell: Chair
Louise Campbell: Vice Chair
Kim Champney: Clerk

Administrative Staff:

Kelli Dean: Principal
John Castle: Superintendent
Glenn Hankinson: Director of Business & Finance

Present:

Carroll Billado
Adelle Billado
Erik Fournier
Rachel Johnson
Vic Petell
Joseph Gresser: The Chronicle
Robin Smith-Orleans County Record
Patti Ovitt

I Call the Meeting to Order

Kelli Dean calls the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Additions to Agenda: None

II Board Reorganization

Action:

- A.** L. Campbell nominates Lincoln Petell for Chairperson. K. Champney seconds. Motion carries.
- B.** K. Champney nominates Louise Campbell for Vice Chairperson. L. Petell seconds. Motion carries.
- C.** L. Campbell nominates Kim Champney for Clerk. L. Petell seconds. Motion carries.
- D.** L. Campbell nominates Lincoln Petell for NCSU Full Board Representative. K. Champney seconds. Motion carries. L. Campbell nominates Kim Champney for NCSU Full Board Representative. L. Petell seconds. Motion carries.
- E.** L. Petell nominates Louise Campbell as Alternate member for the NCSU Full Board. K. Champney seconds. Motion carries.
- F.** K. Champney nominates Lincoln Petell for NCSU Executive Committee member. L. Campbell seconds. Motion carries.
- G.** L. Campbell nominates Kim Champney as NCSU Policy Committee member. L. Petell seconds. Motion carries.
- H.** K. Champney nominates Louise Campbell for NCSU Negotiations Committee Member. L. Petell seconds. Motion carries.
- I.** L. Petell makes a motion to use The Newport Daily Express as the school's official newspaper. L. Campbell seconded. Motion carries.
- J. Designate Posting Locations:**

- a) Holland Elementary School
- b) Recycling Center
- c) Town Clerk

K. Establish regular meeting dates and times: The first Tuesday of each month at 6pm
L. Review and approve Board Code of Ethics: All members signed and dated

III Approve minutes of February 2016 meeting

- L. Campbell made a motion to approve the Board minutes from February 2, 2016.
- L. Petell seconded. Motion carries.

IV Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens

Holland School Budget for 2016/2017 school year did not pass at town meeting. Questions were asked for clarification of the number of students listed in the Town report compared to the number of equalized pupils. Confusion lies in the state formula for Equalized Pupils. Questions about whether or not these phantom students cost the town more in tax dollars. John, Glenn, and Kelli spoke about how the formula is figured as simply as possible. Holland having “phantom” students is a way that the State reduces the costs to the town by limiting the drop in enrollment. This is true for all schools in the state. This allows all schools in the State to provide an equal amount of education. This is all part of Act 60 and Act 68. Kelli addresses the ballot amount shown for town meeting day. The amount of \$15,132.41 was presented on the ballot. This amount was the potential threshold penalty enacted from Act 46 which Holland was later excused from. It is the Boards opinion that the State intentionally dragged their feet and ruled on this until after schools were required to have their budgets in. L. Petell explained that The State insisted schools change the information provided to the voters on the ballots this year. With the threshold penalty, (which we do NOT have to pay) this amount was very unfavorable for the school, which is what the State had hoped for. It seems that the goal of the State at this time is to reduce the number of schools in the State, which will give them more control of our children’s education and the futures of our towns. The actual budgeted amount for the 2016/2017 school year is \$962,987, a 5.59% decrease in the budget from this year. There was also a budget reduction in the current year’s budget of 8% from the previous year before that. Even with these reduced budgets Kelli has managed to maintain a strong learning environment with an awesome team of educational leaders. The actual education spending per equalized pupil is \$13,858. The Board will be presenting the same budget to the town with the corrected amount shown on the ballot. The Board hopes that those who were present at the meeting can share the information they have received with their friends, family, and neighbors. There will also be an informational pamphlet mailed out to town folks to try and clear up any confusion. There will be another informational meeting, prior to the revote, on April 5th at 6pm. A potential date of April 7th has been set for the Holland School Budget revote.

L.Campbell made a motion to approve the proposed budget of \$962,987, a per equalized pupil amount of \$13,858. L. Petell seconded. Motion carried.

V Financial Reports

Holland Elementary School
 Board Warrant
 FY2016
 Board Meeting: March 14, 2016

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>FY15 Amount</u>
4582-4601	Payroll	2/18/16	\$17,823.92
4602	Accounts Payable	3/2/16	\$339.45
4603-4622	Payroll	3/3/2016	\$14,284.38

4623-4659	Accounts Payable	3/14/16	\$35,412.85
4660-4662	Accounts Payable	3/14/16	\$321.13
Total Orders			\$68,181.73

Student Activities Fund

Beginning Balance		\$15,525.19
Adjustments		\$0
Deposits to Date	2/3/16-3/14/16	\$0
Checks to Date	2/3/16-3/14/16	(\$1,617.75)
Activities Balance		\$13,907.44

Action:

- A. K. Champney made a motion to approve the Warrants. L. Campbell seconded. Motion carries.
- B. K. Champney made a motion to approve the February 2016 Financial Report. L. Campbell seconded. Motion carries.

VI Principal's Report by Kelli Dean

Kelli opened by sharing that she did have a conversation with the staff about the budget not passing.

Here is the principal's report:

Celebrations:

I want to acknowledge the faculty and staff at Holland Elementary School for their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching the community's children. They are here for the students and the love of what they do.

Events & Activities:

Despite the lack of snow, students continued to attend Northwoods Leadership Center until vacation, taking advantage of the pond to practice or learn how to ice skate. For many of the students, the sports and skills they are participating in there are new to them and may become new hobbies. One child discovered that he really could skate and wants to take up hockey next.

On Monday, Northwoods visited the school for our last day of winter activities with them. I freed teachers up during this time to work on curriculum planning and instruction for the spring units.

The sixth graders are planning a number of events for fundraisers for their class trip. They held a bake sale at Town Meeting, a bottle drive on Saturday, and are planning a Chili Cook-off for later in the month.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment:

February 12 was a day of in service for supervisory union teachers. Two of Holland's teachers, Natalie Pion and Sabrina Zervas, led workshops at the high school for groups of grade level teachers. It is a challenge to present quality professional learning that meets the needs of all staff. It is also a challenge to present to your colleagues when you are not an expert yourself in a given area; however, having teacher leaders present on topics that NCSU is pursuing helps bring greater meaning to the learning as this is work that both teachers participating in the workshops and those leading the workshops all share.

Facilities:

Fred's disconnected the pipes going to the sink in the grade 4-6 classroom and turned off the water. We are hoping this will eliminate the odor that comes and goes from the sink area in that room.

VII Superintendent's Report

- Next Monday is the NCSU School Board Legislative Forum at 6pm in Room 380 at the Career Center.
- Thursday the 24th is the Full Board Annual meeting at 6:30 in the High School Library
- Reminder to please fill out Board Survey
- Intergrated Survey results will be shared at Thursday's meeting

VIII New Business

- A. Accept the resignation of Deanna Keenan:** K. Champney made a motion to accept the resignation of Deana Keenan. L. Campbell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Approve the new supplemental pay rates of \$26/hour for licensed staff & \$14/hour for support staff:** L. Campbell made a motion to approve the new supplemental pay rates of \$26/hour for licensed staff and \$14/hour for support staff. L. Petell seconded. Motion carried.

Kelli mentioned that as of today one of our para-educators possibly may not have a position at Holland. The student that has been assigned to this individual para educator has been enrolled in another school. Kelli will be looking further into whether or not this para educator will still be needed at the school now. She has not yet heard from the parents of this student, only the enrolling school.

IX Unfinished /Other Business

- A. Adopt the following revised policies:**
D.1 Personnel: Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, and Background checks for staff

L. Campbell made a motion to adopt the following revised policies, D.1 Personnel: Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, and Background checks for staff. L. Petell seconded. Motion carries.

X Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting

- Informational Budget Presentation
- Update on Para-Educator position
- Next Board Meeting @ 6pm on April 5th

XI Executive Session

None

XII Adjourn – 9:05pm