

Holland School Committee

Meeting October 9, 2025
Holland Elementary School
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Alden, Chairperson; Erik Iller, Vice Chairperson; Candice Greene, Secretary; Amanda Joppas; Jim O'Connor

Also Present: Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Teresa Ferrentino, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary

Audience Present: Community Members and Staff

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., starting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Laura Alden and Deborah Boyd noted the open meeting segment will no longer appear on the agenda; instead, any items requiring discussion can be entertained by contacting the appropriate person and will be added under new business for future meetings to help avoid potential legal concerns.

MINUTES

MOTION 26-11 made by Amanda Joppas, seconded by Erik Iller to approve the minutes of 9/11/25 Regular Meeting. Change all spellings of "Candace to Candice" throughout minutes. Strike line item "Tantasqua Rep is Laura, Eric and Candice as appointed". Strike Motion 26-04 (and components) will be revoted upon under unfinished business of current minutes as well as Union 61 Representatives.

VOTE: Unanimous as amended; All in Favor

FINANCIAL REPORT - *Highlights to follow from the Report:*

- Line 300.170 may go negative; up to \$250K in school choice funds available.
- Budget update vote needed due to spring teacher negotiations.
- Cafeteria funds include payments from Brimfield, Brookfield, and Wales for Nutrition Director.
- Final school choice transfer: \$180,858.86; one aide funded for full year.
- Special ed school choice costs range from \$335 to \$12,663 per IEP student.
- Busing contract not going to bid this year; planned for next year.

MOTION 26-12 was made by Erik Iller, second by Candice Greene to approve the budget transfers as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous, All in Favor

COMMUNICATIONS -

- ESP Negotiations – Noted that letter was received

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – *Highlights to follow from Mrs. Teresa Ferrentino*

- Enrollment updates shared.
- Boiler scheduled for service; pump needs rebuild.
- Pipe repair pending; quote requested for automation.
- Staff updates provided.
- ELA and Math benchmarks completed for baseline data.
- Staff developing student learning and practice goals.
- The Schoolwide Sense of Belonging, “Decades” celebration was held on September 25th.
- Band students attending a field trip to the “Multiband Pop Concert” UMass Amherst.
- Butter Braid fundraiser ends this week.
- Upcoming: PBIS Assembly, Schoolwide Veterans Day Assembly, and Harvest Feast for families.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - *Highlights to follow from Mrs. Boyd's Report*

- November 13th Meeting- Will include the MCAS Presentation; Deb will not be attending
- November – Joint Meeting, will most likely to be held on the 18th; usually at Jr. High at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCESS – *None*

- Open Slot Discussion – Each class size is voted upon in April/May

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Revoting from 9/11/2025 previous meeting minutes:

MOTION 26-13 was made by Laura Alden, seconded by Erik Iller to nominate Candice Greene as the elementary school Tantasqua Representative.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous, All in Favor

By unanimous consent, Amanda Joppas, Candice Greene, and Laura Alden were selected as Union 61 Representatives, with Jim O'Connor as first alternate and Eric Iller as second alternate.

Reviewed following Policies; vote taken below:

- EFD – School Nutrition Program Charge Policy – NEW Second Reading and Adoption
- IGA/IGD – Curriculum Development– NEW Second Reading and Adoption
- EFC – Universal Free School Meals– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JFABE – Educational Opportunities for Military Children– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JFABF – Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JH – Student Absences and Excuses– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JIC – Student Discipline– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JICE – Student Publications– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JJF – Student Activity Accounts– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JLC-1 – Wellness Policy– Amend Second Reading and Adoption

- KE – Public Complaints– Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- EFA – School Meal Charges – Rescind Second Reading and Adoption
- IGA – Curriculum Development– Rescind Second Reading and Adoption
- IGD – Curriculum Adoption– Rescind Second Reading and Adoption

MOTION 26-14 by Erik Iller, seconded by Jim O'Connor to approve New Policies EFD, IGA/IGD, approve Amended Policies, EFC, JFABE, JFABF, JH, JIC, JICE, JICFA, JJF, JLC-1, KE and approve Rescinded Policies EFA, IGA, and IGD all on Second Reading and Adoption.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous, All in Favor

NEW BUSINESS – *None*

A discussion was held regarding a reported rumor concerning the performance of Wales Elementary School; it was confirmed that there is no basis to the claim.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion 26-15 was made at 7:02 p.m., by Amanda Joppas, second by Candice Greene to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: Unanimous, All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miarecki
Recording Secretary