

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2012**

The Delhi Township Board of Trustees and the Holt Public Schools Board of Education met in a Special Joint Meeting on March 12, 2012 in the Board Room of the Holt Public Schools Administration Building, 5780 W. Holt Road, Holt, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Twp. Supervisor Stuart Goodrich and Holt Public School Board President John S. Malatinsky.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Stuart Goodrich, Clerk Evan Hope, Treasurer Roy Sweet, Trustees Derek Bajema, John Hayhoe, DiAnne Warfield

Members Absent: Trustee Jerry Ketchum

Members Present: President John S. Malatinsky, Vice President Deborah Roeske, Secretary Jeana McKee, Treasurer Fred Ford, Trustees Lori Murphy, Scott Wriggelsworth, Lori Zajac

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Elsinga, Township Manager
Dr. Johnny Scott, Superintendent, Holt Public Schools
Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent, Holt Public Schools
Kim Cosgrove, Executive Finance Director, Holt Public Schools
Dean Manikas, Executive Curriculum Director, Holt Public Schools
Mary Hull, School Resource Officer, Ingham County Sheriff's Office
Tricia Vander Ploeg, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Supervisor
Amy Finch, Assistant Township Clerk/Deputy Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

John Gardner, Comcast Sr. Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs, reported on Comcast's Internet Essentials program. The program is available to low income households with children who receive free school lunches under the National School Lunch Program. Participants will receive affordable internet, a low-cost computer and free internet training.

STATE OF TOWNSHIP FINANCES

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga reported on the State of the Township Finances. Property tax values continue to decline; however, are beginning to level off. A renewal of the fire and police millages will be sought in 2014.

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STATE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

Kim Cosgrove, Holt Public Schools Executive Finance Director, gave an overview of current and projected school finances. Revenue loss of over \$4,000,000 will be realized in the 2011-2012 school year due to the reduction of state aid along with the non-renewal of federal stimulus. The district will continue to rethink how services are delivered.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS UPDATE

Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent, Holt Public Schools, spoke of the change in the school election date from May to November. Mr. Szpara also spoke of issues involved with voting precincts located in some of the schools, such as security issues and parking.

Evan Hope, Clerk stated that with upcoming redistricting of the precincts, some voting precincts will be relocated.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dean Manikas, Executive Curriculum Director, Holt Public Schools, reviewed current and projected enrollment. A ten-year enrollment history shows enrollment was on a raise; however, in 2009 enrollment declined slightly and became flat. Mr. Manikas stated that many of the school of choice students begin in kindergarten and continue in the district throughout their K-12 education; but most school of choice students are made up of prior residents that want to continue in the district. Discipline issues, as well as the how the school of choice students were doing academically was presented.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) – DEPUTY MARY HULL

Deputy Mary Hull, School Resource Officer (SRO), stated that her presence in the school is well received. Deputy Hull reported on the number and type of complaints that she has dealt with since she started this position in September 2011.

PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY/SRO COLLABORATION PROJECT

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that the Township will be piggybacking on the schools fiber optic which will provide upgraded service to the Department of Public Service in return, the School Resource Officer (SRO) position will be funded by the Township, providing service to the Township during the summer months.

ED TREK UPDATE

Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent, Holt Public Schools, stated that EdTrek is a targeted program with a primary aim of helping at-risk students graduate on time. The program is allowing non-resident students to continue until they graduate; however, will not take new non-resident students. The program can accommodate 99 students spread over three sessions per day.

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H.O.L.T. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Supervisor Goodrich reported on the H.O.L.T. Scholarship program. Steve Van Buren, Vollman Ford, presented the committee with a check in the amount of \$500. Vollman Ford will donate \$50 to the scholarship program when a new or used vehicle is purchased by any teacher, school district employee or parent of students attending Holt Public Schools. The committee is in the process of hosting a 5K walk/run to be held on October 6, 2012.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent, Holt Public Schools, stated that he has been working with Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation, to rewrite/modernize the school/parks agreement. The two entities are also looking at ways to share services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Date: _____

Evan Hope, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor

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