

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2017**

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The Delhi Township Board of Trustees and the Holt Public Schools Board of Education met in a Special Joint Meeting on May 15, 2017 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 Township Supervisor John Hayhoe and Holt Public Schools Board President Lori Zajac.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Delhi Township Board Members Present: Supervisor John Hayhoe, Clerk Evan Hope, Treasurer Roy Sweet, Trustees Pat Brown, Stuart Goodrich, Tom Lenard, DiAnne Warfield

Delhi Township Board Members Absent: None

School Board Members Present: President Lori Zajac, Treasurer Mark Perry, Trustees Julie Bureau, Ben Bakken, Laura Colligan,

School Board Members Absent: Vice President Deborah Roeske, Trustee Doug Needham

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sally Hock-Harrison, community member, thanked everyone for the good job they are doing.

Erin Umpstead, Holt High School teacher commented on the Capstone classes and the North Campus Celebration of Learning on May 17, 2017.

Maria Steibel, Holt High School student, commented on the food pantry run by the Capstone students.

Kara Hope, Ingham County Commissioner representing the 7<sup>th</sup> District, commented on the possibility of Ingham County asking for a tax allocation limitation vote in November.

**STATE OF THE DISTRICT**

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Dr. David Hornak, Holt Public School Superintendent, gave a presentation describing the efforts that had been made to make the work of the district visible: the “District Pride Community Wide” campaign, podcasts with Delhi Township, use of social media, and weekly “Peek at the Week” emails to school and community members – all to promote the district and community. He mentioned how the district engages students from six months through high school age, and on to college, with transitional kindergarten and a flexible secondary system in between.

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**STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP**

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Supervisor Mr. John Hayhoe spoke of the importance of communication in the community. He noted that the Township is doing well despite the lack of resources returning from the state; there is growth in the form of new businesses and residential growth, as well as commercial/industrial building permits. Supervisor Hayhoe thanked Dr. Hornak for his work promoting the Ram Trail and the Gunn School during the recent Ram Trail 5K event. He noted the cooperation between the Township and the schools, citing the many cooperative events such as Portfolio Days, the Science Fair, and students helping with the Food Bank and Farmers Market. He also mentioned that Holt Public Schools is the largest employer in the Township.

**STATE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE**

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Kim Cosgrove, Holt Public Schools Executive Finance Director, presented a brief overview of the long-term cuts to public school funding, noting it has not been restored to the level it was in 2008. Proposed changes in State of Michigan funding for next school year include approximately a \$100 per pupil increase from the state, although there will be reductions in Ingham Intermediate School District funding and special education funding will be shared with 'cyber' schools. Retirement rates and insurance hard cap rates are on the increase. The loss of students continues, primarily due to demographics, although Holt Public Schools have not experienced as great a loss as other districts.

The district continues to work towards a zero-based budget. The unusually high number of retirements will help this year's budget, although the district continually faces the pressures of infrastructure needs and working towards the 10% fund balance required by board policy.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

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Mark Jenks, Parks and Recreation Director, acknowledged the unique and deep partnership ties between Delhi Township and Holt Public Schools and the sharing of resources to benefit both school and community.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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Deputy Matt Hutting, School Resource Officer, Ingham County Sheriff's Office/Delhi Division, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be a resource to the students, as well as being able to work with and learn from the students, teachers and community members.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

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Members from both Boards expressed their gratitude for the relationship between Holt Public Schools and Delhi Charter Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Evan Hope, Township Clerk

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John Hayhoe, Supervisor

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