Approving $7.67 million in total appropriations, Holyoke's Board of Education adopted its 2009-2010 June budget Tuesday, June 16.

Budget figures reflected a deficit of $92,583, acknowledging the district realizes expenditures are that much more than revenues. Board members adopted a resolution authorizing spending $92,583 out of the beginning fund balance for budgeted general operating expenditures.

District director of budget and finance Sharon Thompson noted the June budget is based on Colorado Department of Education's 4.9 percent additional funding.

The projected funded pupil count is 574.5, and the budget cites $1,357,417 in reserves. The board has targeted $1.2 million as the floor for the reserve funds.

Also accounted for in the June budget are step increases for certified and classified staff, PERA district contribution and district health insurance contribution which stays at $350/month or $4,200 per participating employee.

Thompson noted budgeting for two full-time special education teachers at the elementary school, 2.5 Title I positions (an increase by one full position) and the addition of a third fifth-grade position. One full-time art position was eliminated in the district.

She pointed out capital reserve allocations are no longer required, and noted athletic and activity items are now listed in the general fund.

The June budget is basically a preliminary one, as the final budget will be adopted in December. Audited figures from 2008-09, as well as the student count for 2009-2010 will be known by then.

The following appropriation resolution was approved for the 2009-2010 budget:

General Fund	$6,525,044
Bond Redemption	434,750
Food Service	169,800
Trust and Agency	247,000
Activity	295,000
Total Appropriation	$7,671,594

Two new teachers hired,
extra duty assignments made,
Purnell resignation accepted

Kindergarten and elementary special education teachers were hired for 2009-10 at last week's school board meeting. Additionally, the board approved extra duty assignments for the school year.

In other personnel matters, the resignation of alternative school director George Purnell was accepted.

Purnell has accepted an assistant principal/athletic director/assistant coach position at John Mall High School in Walsenburg, where he will start July 1.

Prior to the employment decisions, a 50-minute executive session was held for new personnel discussion.

Shelby Lingbloom of Julesburg was hired as a kindergarten teacher. She graduated from Julesburg HS in 2004, and earned a B.A. degree in liberal arts with elementary education in 2008 from Colorado Christian University.

Since January she has served as a substitute teacher at Platte Valley Elementary in Sedgwick.

Mandy Krause of Greeley was hired as a special education teacher at Holyoke Elementary.

She earned her B.A. degree in history with secondary teaching emphasis and a minor in special education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley last month.

She student-taught at Berthoud High School, in a social studies setting last semester. Additionally, she completed teacher candidate observations at Greeley Central HS and Valley High School.

Prior to accepting extra-duty assignments for 2009-10, board member Jon King asked to table the agenda item until board member Linda Jelden was present. His motion died for lack of a second, and the extra-duty list was approved 5-1, with King casting the dissenting vote.

Coaching salaries remained the same as last year, at $3,102 for head HS coaches, band director and play director; $1,861 for assistant HS coaches, weight room sponsor and HS spiritleader sponsor; $1,825 for JH head coaches; $1,241 for assistant JH coaches and JH spiritleader sponsor; and $932 for choir director and musical director.

Changes were noted in the football program which is now a JH/HS combined program, with coaching staff covering both levels. Rod Trumper is the head 7-12 coach with a HS head coach salary. Five assistant HS coaching salaries were approved for 7-12 coaches Russ Sprague, Aaron Sprague, Aaron Mosenteen, John Ortner and John Baumgartner. Also approved as volunteer football coaches are Mike Smith, Dusty McConnell, Corey Zeiler and Clint Goldenstein.

Carla Mayfield (new JR/SR high language arts teacher) was named play director; Pat Wiebers, band director and musical director; and Marcia Dalton, choir director.

Other assignments were made as follows, with head coaches listed first:

HS volleyball, Sandra Rahe and Tammie Timm; HS boys' basketball, John Baumgartner and Scott Dille; HS girls' basketball, Arlan Scholl and Clint Goldenstein; HS wrestling, Duane Stroh and Dusty McConnell; HS boys'/girls' track, Sandra Rahe, Tracy Trumper and Clint Goldenstein.

HS baseball, Kyle Bules and John Ortner; HS girls' softball, Ashley (Geist) Clayton, assistant still open; HS boys' golf, volunteers Garrett Gordon and Kurtis Huss; HS girls' golf, Garrett Gordon; weight room, Rod Trumper; HS spiritleader, Jane Zink.

JH volleyball, Theresa Tharp and Angie Powell; JH boys' basketball, head position open, asst. Kyle Bules; JH girls' basketball, Ashley Clayton and Rebecca Helm; JH wrestling, Dusty McConnell and Justin Helgoth; JH boys'/girls' track, Angie Powell, Kevin Asbury and Rhonda Smith; JH spirtleader, Kevin Asbury.

Fees approved; random drug
policy has minor revisions

In further action at last week's board meeting, changes to the current student fee schedule were approved for 2009-10.

While the participation fee for each JH and HS sport, as well as HS and JH cheerleading will remain at $35 per sport, a cap was set at $100 per year limit for those involved in three or more sports.

Three other additional fees were approved: $10 for HS P.E. class to cover costs of bowling and swimming, $5 user fee for math graphing calculators and $15 foods and nutrition fee.

Two changes were approved for the random drug testing policy which was implemented last fall.

When students request a hair sample test rather than a Dip or Etg, the family will now be required to make up the approximate $50 difference in cost.

Also, the policy will now state when a student is selected for random drug testing, a bottle of

water will be provided 30 minutes prior to the test. Principal Susan Ortner said this simply clarifies practice which has been used this past year.

Ortner also reported she had checked into auditing the random selection and there are companies that can do that for a fee. She noted she talked with the Scottsbluff, Neb. school district and the principal in New Jersey who was the speaker at a program she attended in Pagosa Springs in 2008. They don't do audits and have had no questions pertaining to the need for them.

Other business

In other business June 16, the Re-1J board:

—approved the K-12 science and K-12 fine arts curriculum.

—added Chasity Pelle, Shelby Beavers, Alyssa Cordova and Shaun Beck as summer workers; and Tracy Cordova as a summer school aide.

—accepted a $219 bid from Holyoke Methodist Church for the used drum set.