

REGULAR MEETING
Gilead Hill School – Library
7:00 p.m.
Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Board Members Present: Heather Petit, Kevin Williams, Maryanne Leichter, Kathy Williams, Christopher Aker
- Board Member Absent: Geoffrey Davis
- Board Liaison Absent: Diane Del Rosso, Gail Richmond
- Administrators & Staff Members Present: Lynne Pierson, Stephanie Levin, Tricia Schiavi

II. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions

Kevin Williams moved and Kathy Williams seconded a motion to reverse the order of items II and IV on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Public Comment – John Collins, Board of Selectmen, spoke regarding lead content in the water in the Hebron Public Schools. John Collins obtained raw data and compiled it in applying for State funding. His background is as an environmental engineer. John Collins questioned if there was background lead in the soil. John Collins is asking the Board of Education for all of the data that is available.

John Collins noted that there are evolving standards and now the EPA feels that any lead is bad lead. John Collins is concerned about hits of lead at Gilead Hill School. John Collins feels that all data should be released to the public.

III. Board Officer Election –

Board Chair – Heather Petit asked for nominations for Chairperson. Motion made by Kevin Williams to nominate Heather Petit for Chairperson. Heather Petit accepted the nomination. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Heather Petit then asked for any other nominations for Chairperson. There were none. Motion made by Maryanne Leichter to close the nominations. Seconded by Kevin Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Heather Petit asked the board clerk to take a roll call. The board clerk reported Maryanne Leichter, Christopher Aker, Kevin Williams, Kathy Williams and Heather Petit Yes. Motion passed in favor of Heather Petit as chairperson.

Heather Petit asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Motion made by Kevin Williams to nominate Christopher for Vice-Chairperson. Christopher Aker accepted the nomination. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Heather Petit then asked for any other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. There were none. Motion made by Kevin Williams to close the nominations. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Heather Petit asked the board clerk to take a roll call. The board clerk reported Maryanne Leichter, Christopher Aker, Kevin Williams, Kathy Williams and Heather Petit Yes. Motion passed in favor of Christopher Aker as Vice-Chairperson.

- V. Board Member Comments – Maryanne Leichter stated that she is concerned that John Collins was upset that he was not getting the data he needed. Maryanne Leichter noted that the people at the State Dept. of Public Health are getting those reports for the past 10 years. They have their environmental people working on them and as soon as they are available, they will send them. In terms of GHS, if John Collins would like to make an FOIA request, he should. Gilead was not a part of this whole discussion. Maryanne Leichter would not like to see a lot of pressure put on the Board of Education. There is a Town public building committee and they are working on it. Maryanne Leichter indicated that John Collins needs to use the proper channels and coming to a BOE meeting is not the answer. Lynne Pierson stated that when a citizen asks for specific data, this is defined as an FOI request. Lynne Pierson noted that she did receive a response yesterday and is in the process of reviewing it, and is trying to assemble all of the documentation and will get back to John Collins.

Kevin Williams stated that he understood there were some requests that could not be fulfilled, such as login credentials to systems the District has access to. Kevin Williams had concerns that engaging individuals who are not contracted by the District with information could create liability concerns. Fuss and O'Neill have been subcontracted by Silver/Petrucelli to serve as environmental consultants supporting the HES water project. Kevin Williams also stated that the project ownership for the efforts resides with the Town of Hebron Building Committee, and any requests for information specific to the water project should be channeled through the Building Committee and not the Board of Education. Kathy Williams stated that the Dept. of Public Health is a very busy group and allowing time for them to process data requests makes sense. Lynne Pierson stated that our concerns with the Board of Education and the District as a whole are completely on the safety of the children in the District.

Heather Petit welcomed Lynne Pierson to the Hebron School District.

- VI. Acknowledging Student Achievement
- A. Superintendent's Comments – Lynne Pierson noted that unfortunately there are no students to acknowledge due to the summer vacation. There is a summer extended school year program occurring in the building for a few weeks. Lynne Pierson noted that the administrative retreat has been rescheduled to July 24 and 25. It will be held at AHM Youth Services.
- VII. Chair's Report – Kevin Williams stated that preliminary word has been received from DAS that the grant has been approved and it should be approved for reimbursement at their next meeting. Kevin Williams noted that for the summer the building committee is working with the architects getting the design done. The RFP should be in the Fall and they would like to have the contractor doing the project hired by late Fall. The next meeting is Monday, July 15th at 6:30 at the Town Office Building.
- VIII. Board Liaison Report – There are no liaisons present at the meeting.
- IX. Consent Agenda
- A. Approval of Minutes
1. Regular Meeting – June 13, 2019 (Encl. 9a.1)
Motion by Kathy Williams to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019.
Seconded by Kevin Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – School Psychologist (Encl. 9b.1)
Motion by Kevin Williams to accept the resignation of Taylor Kosakowski, School Pyschologist. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor.
Motion carried.

X. Informational – No Action Required

A. Reports

1. 2018-2019 Year to Date Financial Report (Encl. 10a.1)
Stephanie Levin, Financial Assistant, prepared a Year to Date Financial Report through 6/30/2019 showing a balance of \$103,117, this includes the \$65,000 that was set aside by the Board of Education for the engineering costs for Silver/Petrucelli.
2. Cafeteria Services Report (Encl. 10a.2)
Tricia Schiavi, Clerk of Payables shared an updated Cafeteria Services Report showing a loss of \$3,284.48 for the month of June. As of July 1st there is a balance of \$67.86 in the total Cafeteria Account. It had originally been anticipated that money would be needed from the Board of Education to offset this account. After the month of June ended the product cost ended up to be much less than anticipated, the cash deposits were more than expected (the Cafeteria Manager really worked on cleaning up the negative balances), and the catering was more than projected.
3. Preschool Financial Report (Encl. 10a.3) – Stephanie Levin reported that as of 6/30/2019 there is a total balance in Preschool of \$13,474.05.

- XI. Plan Board Retreat - It was decided to hold the Board retreat on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at AHM Youth Services. Heather Petit would like to invite the administrators for a portion of this retreat.
- XII. Discussion & Possible Action re: SRO Job Description and MOA For School Resource Officers – Kevin Williams moved to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement as amended. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Maryanne Leichter spoke to Andy Tierney, Town Manager, who stated that he has not had a chance to discuss this with his police department. Maryanne Leichter suggested tabling this until next month. In addition, Maryanne Leichter noted that she has some concerns with the agreement. Heather Petit stated that she is concerned that there is not a lot of time before school starts. Maryanne Leichter stated that she was under the impression that the SRO would not be in the building on the first day of school, more likely end of September or early October is what she thought. Christopher Aker stated that he felt this should be moved forward so that it is not December or January before this gets resolved. Lynne Pierson stated that she spoke to Andy Tierney and discussed the draft MOU thoroughly. There are deep background checks needed for any police officer hired for this position. It is highly unlikely that any SRO would be in place in September. Lynne Pierson noted that Andy Tierney did receive the MOU by Tim Van Tasel but has not had time to review it. He will be looking at it with Resident State Trooper Greenwood next week. Lynne Pierson suggested that the Town begin the interviewing and hiring process alongside the Board and the Town approving the MOU.

Kevin Williams suggested either withdrawing the motion or rejecting the motion because this document is still in red line status and we should not approve the way it is right now.

Kevin Williams withdrew his motion.

- XIII. Discussion & Possible Action re: Family Resource Center Grant (Encl. 13) – Motion by Maryanne Leichter to approve the AHM Family Resource Center Grant Application with the Interim Superintendent of Schools or designee being the fiscal agent responsible for grant administration. Seconded by Kevin Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- XIV. Discussion on Board Student Liaison – Heather Petit stated that she just wanted to keep this on the agenda and this could be discussed at the Board retreat.
- XV. Public Comment – Nothing at this time.
- XVI. New Business - Nothing at this time.
- XVII. Board Member Comments – Kevin Williams thanked Chris Phelps for his service to the Board and welcomed Tyler Kozikowski as the new Board Videographer.
- XVIII. Adjournment
Motion by Kevin Williams to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Tricia Schiavi
Board Clerk