

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

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call Heather Petit called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Board Members Present: Heather Petit, Maryanne Leichter, Christopher Aker, Geoffrey Davis
- Board Members Absent: Kathy Williams, Kevin Williams
- Board Liaison Present: Diane Del Rosso, Gail Richmond
- Administrators & Staff Members Present: Dr. Lynne Pierson, Tricia Schiavi, Wayne Durocher
- Guests: Amanda Veneziano, Mal Leichter, Brian Smith, Jack Cunningham, Steve D'Annino
- II. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions
- III. Public Comment – None at this time.
- IV. Board Member Comments – None at this time.
- V. Acknowledging Student Achievement
- A. Superintendent's Comments
- Preparation for the Opening of the School Year (Encl. 5) – Dr. Pierson stated that things are in full swing preparing for the new school year. Dr. Pierson extended her thanks and appreciation to Wayne Durocher and his staff for the care and attention given to Gilead Hill School and Hebron Elementary School.
- Dr. Pierson provided the Board with a copy of her back to school letter that was sent home to staff.
- VI. Chair's Report – Heather Petit reminded everyone that the Board retreat is next Tuesday 8/13 at AHM. The Board of Selectmen officially accepted Erica Bromley's resignation and they have 35 days to post. The HES Water Remediation Committee project was approved by the State at a 54.28% reimbursement and is moving forward.
- VII. Board Liaison Report – Gail Richmond stated that a poet laureate was discussed at a Douglas Library Board of Trustees meeting and was approved by the BOS. The BOS will be starting an Arts Council.
- Diane DelRosso stated that the Board of Finance discussed the water project.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
- A. Approval of Minutes
1. Regular Meeting – July 11, 2019 (Encl. 8a.1)
Motion by Maryanne Leichter to approve the minutes of July 11, 2019.
Seconded by Christopher Aker. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Personnel

1. Hiring – School Psychologist (Encl. 8b.1)

Motion by Christopher Aker to approve the hiring of Rebekah Chessic as the School Psychologist for Hebron Elementary School. Seconded by Geoffrey Davis. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Informational – No Action Required

A. Reports

1. 2019-2020 Financial Report (Encl. 9a.1)

The 2019-2020 Financial Report through 7/29/2019 shows a balance of \$1,101,801.

2. Cafeteria Services Report (Encl. 9a.2)

Tricia Schiavi, Clerk of Payables shared an updated Cafeteria Services Report showing a positive balance of \$8,124.48 for the month of July. There were no expenses during the month and we received our state reimbursement for the month of May.

3. Preschool Report (Encl. 9a.3) – As of 7/31/2019 there is a total balance in Preschool of \$10,342.42.

4. Enrollment Report (Encl. 9a.4) – The Enrollment Report as of 8/1/19 showed a total of 655 students with 335 at Hebron Elementary School and 320 at Gilead Hill School.

X. Discussion & Possible Action re: SRO Job Description and MOA for School Resource Officers (Encl. 10) - Motion by Christopher Aker to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement as presented. Seconded by Geoffrey Davis. Dr. Pierson met with Andrew Tierney and Trooper Greenwood regarding the changes that the Board had proposed. Dr. Pierson stated that Andrew Tierney and Trooper Greenwood took what the Board edited in red and worked through them. Dr. Pierson noted that she felt the changes were very helpful. The Board attorney has reviewed this MOA. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XI. Discussion & Possible Action re: Solar Project for Hebron Elementary School & Gilead Hill School. Motion by Geoffrey Davis to approve the Town Solar Project for Hebron Elementary School and Gilead Hill School. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Dr. Pierson stated that both Gilead Hill and Hebron Elementary Schools were added to the application that the Town applied for through Eversource. Brian Smith, Verogy, stated that they are proposing to add to Gilead Hill School and put solar panels on Hebron Elementary School. Verogy will take care of installing the solar array on the buildings and the Town would agree to pay for the electricity. Brian Smith stated that the Town agrees to purchase 100% of the electricity produced by the solar array at a discounted rate for 20 years. The Town has no ongoing obligations for maintenance or reporting of any kind. Verogy installs, owns, operates and maintains the solar array for its operation life. Jack Cunningham explained that the Board would be saving about 50% on the supply part of the Eversource bill for 20 years. Geoffrey Davis withdrew his motion and Maryanne Leichter seconded the withdrawal of the motion.

The Board looks at this project favorably but more discussion needs to happen. Dr. Pierson will have much more detailed conversations and operational planning with Verogy and district staff regarding this project.

- XII. Update on Summer Projects – Wayne Durocher stated that things are moving smoothly. The playscape is done and the wood chips will be placed this weekend.
- XIII. Public Comment – Mal Leichter reported the HES Water Remediation Committee will be meeting with the Dept. of Administrative Services on August 20, 2019 and hoping for an approval. Mal Leichter indicated that they hope to be out to bid by 10/1/19 and a contractor in place by mid-December. Dr. Pierson will be working on the availability of the building.
- XIV. New Business - Nothing at this time.
- XV. Board Member Comments – Nothing at this time.
- XVI. Executive Session – Discussion concerning the employment of the Superintendent Administrative Assistant
Motion by Christopher Aker to move into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. and invite Dr. Pierson to discuss the employment of the Superintendent Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Geoffrey Davis. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Christopher Aker for the Board to come out of Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Geoffrey Davis. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- XVII. Adjournment
Motion by Christopher Aker to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Geoffrey Davis. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Tricia Schiavi
Board Clerk