

BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2019

Gilead Hill School – Music Room

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call Heather Petit called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Board Members Present: Heather Petit, Maryanne Leichter (7:54 p.m.), Geoffrey Davis, Kevin Williams, Kathy Williams
- Board Member Absent: Christopher Aker
- Board Liaison Absent: Gail Richmond, Diane DelRosso
- Administrators & Staff Members Present: Dr. Lynne Pierson, Stephanie Levin, Michael Larkin, Katie Uriano, Dr. Donald Briere, Wayne Durocher
- Guests: Adam Parks, Kristy Jansson, Brian Smith, Jack Cunningham, Steve D’Annino, Charles Daniels, Dana Mutch, Will Herschel
- II. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions
- III. Public Comment – None at this time.
- IV. Board Member Comments – None at this time.
- V. Acknowledging Student Achievement
- Manufacturing Month Preview (Encl. 5) – Don Briere went over the history of the AMMA grant that was awarded to the district to purchase 3D printers for each school. The district has been awarded another grant in the amount of \$10,000 for this year for the purchase of a tabletop CNC milling machine for Hebron Elementary School for the 6th graders. Kristy Jansson and Adam Parks presented what their students are doing with the 3D printer that they have.
- A. Superintendent’s Comments
- Opening of the School Year – Dr. Pierson indicated that the opening of the school year was uneventful. New staff was introduced to the district, the town and the community. There was professional development for staff, convocation and a wonderful lunch prepared by the PTA. Dr. Pierson stated that we are launching the year with a new bus company and we have had a few issues, which we are working to resolve.
- Dr. Pierson announced that Karen Conderino has announced her retirement. Dr. Pierson indicated that she has done a stellar job during her tenure in Hebron.
- Smarter Balanced Results – Dr. Pierson stated that the SBAC results were released and will be sent home to parents tomorrow. Dr. Pierson noted that they are looking at and

analyzing the data and will be providing a full detailed report to the Board in November along with an action plan.

- Dr. Pierson reported that NYAEC would be coming and doing a one-day site inspection.

VI. Chair's Report – Heather Petit thanked all of the administrators and staff for all of the prep work that was done for the opening of school. The Superintendent Search Committee has been meeting and has posted for the position. They are in the process of scheduling focus groups for staff, parents, PTA, administration, the community, senior center and Town leaders.

VII. Board Liaison Report – None at this time.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – August 8, 2019 (Encl. 8a.1)

Motion by Kevin Williams to approve the minutes of August 8, 2019.

Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: Geoffrey Davis, Heather Petit in favor and Kevin Williams, Kathy Williams abstained. Motion carried.

B. Personnel

1. Hiring – Grade 4 One Year Position (Encl. 8b.1) – Motion by Geoffrey Davis to approve the hiring of Sabrina Harris as the Grade 4 One Year Long Term Substitute for Hebron Elementary School. Seconded by Kevin Williams. 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 8/31/2019 shows a balance of \$733,838. Stephanie Levin noted that now that all of the new staff has been hired, there would be savings in insurance.

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

Stephanie Levin shared an updated Cafeteria Services Report showing a positive balance of \$3,053.53 for the month of August.

3. Preschool Report (Encl. 9a.3) – As of 8/31/2019 there is a total balance in Preschool of \$1,453.61.

4. Student Activity Report (Encl. 9a.4) – The Student Activity Report was shared and showed a balance of \$4,209.09 for Gilead Hill School and a balance of \$18,423.89 for Hebron Elementary School.

5. Enrollment Report (Encl. 9a.4) – The Enrollment Report as of 9/1/19 showed a total of 660 students with 343 at Hebron Elementary School and 317 at Gilead Hill School.

X. Committee Updates –

1. Resource Management Committee – Heather Petit stated that this committee has not met but would like to meet prior to the next board meeting.
2. Policy Committee – Kevin Williams stated that they have not met.

3. Communication Committee – Kevin Williams stated that they have not met. The new Board should meet quickly once they are in place to get on board with the water project.
 4. Education Foundation Liaison – No report at this time.
 5. School Readiness Liaison – Heather Petit stated that the first meeting is Sept. 17, 2019.
- XI. Discussion & Possible Action re: Solar Project for Hebron Elementary School & Gilead Hill School – Will Herschel, Verogy, passed out a plan of where they are proposing to put the solar panels on the ground at Gilead Hill School. Will Herschel explained that having the panels on the ground provides more power production because of the way the solar panels will be tilted. Dr. Pierson stated that she had discussions with Andy Tierney who would like to have further discussion regarding the solar project at Hebron Elementary School. Andy Tierney would like to see the roof project moved forward in the CIP process before any solar panels are placed on the roof. Motion by Kevin Williams to conceptually approve the Town Solar Project for Gilead Hill School. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- XII. School Representative(s) (Encl. 12) – Dr. Pierson stated there was discussion in regards to the student representative to the Board of Education. Michael Larkin stated that the four Student Council members from 6th grade will be meeting monthly and they will attend a Board meeting and report on their meetings. The students can rotate through the Board meetings. Michael Larkin also stated that the student representative could lead the Pledge, and present the Schools in the Spotlight section of the meeting. Dr. Pierson suggested that this student representative hear the Board Liaison reports so that they can hear how Town government operates. Kevin Williams suggested having the Policy Committee meet first to change the language and bring that back to the Board for approval.
- XIII. CABA Membership for 2019-2020 – Dr. Pierson stated that she checked with CABA to see if it was possible for the Board to join late and if so could we get a discount. CABA said that the district could receive a discount. Therefore, the rate would be \$5,480 for the 19-20 school year. Motion by Kevin Williams to approve joining CABA for the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- XIV. Appointment of BOE Building Committee Representative – Motion by Kevin Williams to appoint Heather Petit as the Board of Education Building Committee Representative. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- XV. Public Comment – None at this time.
- XVI. New Business – Maryanne Leichter stated that the Board of Selectmen unanimously endorsed Joseph Zuzel to fill the vacancy for the next two years on the Board of Education left by Erica Bromley. He will be attending the October meeting.
- XVII. Executive Session – Discussion Concerning a Privileged Attorney Client Communication Regarding Environmental Data Assessment Plans - Motion by Kevin Williams move into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. and invite Interim Superintendent Lynne Pierson and Attorney Andrew Davis to discuss a privileged attorney/client communication regarding Environmental Data Assessment Plans. The Board also invited Attorney Alfredo Fernandez to be part of the Executive Session. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Geoffrey Davis for the Board to come out of Executive Session at 9:29 p.m. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter . Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XVIII. Board Member Comments – None at this time.

XIX. Adjournment

Motion by Kathy Williams to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Tricia Schiavi
Board Clerk