

Hermon School Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, January 7, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Hermon High School Library

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Present

Anthony Reynolds, Chair
Ted Harris, Vice Chair
Jesse Keith
Anne Smith
Debbie CoWallis
Jessica Frye
Allison Treat, Student Representative
Liana Shaw, Student Representative

Absent

Debora Farnham

- Staff: Stephanie Biberstein, Melissa Davis, Micah Grant, Jesse Hargrove, Nicole Lever, Debra Merrill, Jenny Perry, and Erin York
- Item I: Mr. Reynolds, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item II: Agenda Adjustments: None
- Item III: Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Frye to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2018, as presented.
Unanimous vote (6)
- Item IV: Proclamations and Presentation
A. Public Comments: None
B. Social Studies Curriculum
Mrs. Davis, Curriculum Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Pre-K through 12 Social Studies curriculum with assistance from Mr. Hargrove on the High School Social Studies curriculum.
C. ESSA District / School Report Cards
Administrators across the State noted that the initial data in the ESSA District / School Report Cards was unclear or inaccurate, so the State has tabled releasing the report cards until they get it straightened out.
Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smith to table discussion of the ESSA District / School Report Cards until a future date when the D.O.E determines it to be necessary and required.
Unanimous vote (6)
- Item V: Personnel
A. Resignation
Mr. Gonyar accepted with regret the resignation of Karen LeBreton, .8 HMS / HHS School Nurse.
B. Co / Extra-curricular positions * New applicant to position
Adam Gray HMS "A" Boys Basketball
Liza Muth * HMS "A" Girls Basketball
Julius Williams HMS "B" Boys Basketball

Item VI:

Old Business

A. Excused Absence of School Committee Member/s:

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to excuse the absence of Debora Farnham

Unanimous vote (6)

B. Second Reading of Policies

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smith to rescind:

a. IKA Cumulative Grade Point Average

and to approve the 2nd reading of the following policies, as presented:

b. IKAB Grading System

c. IKAB-R Grading and Reporting System – Hermon High School

d. IKAB-R Grading and Reporting System – Hermon Middle School

e. IKAB-R Grading and Reporting System – Patricia A. Duran School

Unanimous vote (6)

C. Approval of Bus Purchases Request

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith, that “although previously approved through the budget process, the Hermon School Committee confirms approval of funding for the purchase of 3 school buses and additionally authorizes Superintendent Gary Gonyar to sign on behalf of the School department with Machias Savings Bank for 2-year term loans for each of the three buses”.

Unanimous vote (4)

Item VII:

New Business

A. First Reading of Policies

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis to approve the 1st reading of the following policies, as presented:

a. ABB Staff Advisory Functions

b. ABC Procedures for Selecting Students on the School Committee

c. AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

d. ACAA Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students

e. ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure

f. IMGGA Service Animals in Schools

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the 1st reading of the policies, as presented.

Unanimous vote (6)

B. Draft of Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) for 2019-20

The Town Manager asked all the Departments to have a list of Capital Improvement projects of more than \$5,000 that do not go in to the regular budget for the January 24th meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the list of items identified by both Mr. Randy Bragg in the CIP and by administrators that need to be done. Mr. Harris inquired as to whether the bleacher wheels needed to be replaced at the same time as the Patricia A. Duran gym floor. Mr. Gonyar stated that the CIP for the high school by Carpenter & Associates is in its rough draft form and should be completed by the February meeting. Mr. Harris also suggested looking at the worst spots for the asphalt at all 3 buildings. Oil prices are down which means the price of asphalt will be down, so there is not a better time to go out to bid on this. It could be used not only at the rec fields for that road, but for the community walk way from HHS to PADS.

Item VIII:

Reports

A. Superintendent

In addition to his written report, Mr. Gonyar discussed the 2018-19 Tuition Rates as determined by the State. The tuition rate for Hermon has been historically set and continues to be set below the State average. Our tuition rate went down from last year's which means that less was spent last year than the year before in the categories that the State counts for determining the tuition rate. The loss per student with the 2018-19 tuition rate was \$336.00 x 244 tuition students which is a total of \$81,984 in lost revenues. Mr. Gonyar suggested using the tuition rate from the previous year for the entire year, making the adjustment at the end of the year instead of mid-year.

B. Principals

In addition to her written report, Mrs. Perry added that the PreK and K registrations will be from February 4th – March 1st. She anticipates a typical enrollment this year with 4 Kindergarten's next year, as well as the standard 4 Pre-k's.

C. Finance Report

D. School Committee Follow-up and Request for Information

Mrs. Smith stated that she will be absent for the next two meetings, as she will be in Florida.

Mr. Keith inquired about the time frame for the sign at the Patricia A. Duran School. Mrs. Perry stated that it is expected to be completed in the spring.

E. Other

Student representative Miss Treat stated that the theater department is starting their One Act Play auditions and they will compete in March. The National Honor Society had their induction of 21 new members. The Key Club is selling string bracelets of school colors and ones of Thirst Project colors for \$6 each.

Student representative Miss Shaw stated that the Winter Carnival would be taking place in a couple of weeks with the theme of early 2000 movies. The school-wide Poetry Out Loud competition was held December 19th and junior Neily Raymond won. She will be moving up to the District competition.

Item IX:

Motioned by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve Warrant # 12 of December 14, 2018 and Warrant # 13 of December 28, 2018.

Unanimous vote (4)

Item X:

Adjournment

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Accepted, unless doubted

Respectfully submitted,
 Gary J. Gonyar
 Superintendent of Schools