

Hermon School Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016
Hermon High School Room #139

Providing Leadership to Enhance the Aspirations of our Children

Present

Mr. John Snyder, Chairperson
Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Debora Farnham
Mr. Ralph Carr
Mr. Ted Harris
Mrs. Debbie CoWallis
Mrs. Shannon Knowles
Ms. Madalyn Jackson, Student Representative
Mr. Michael Lana, Student Representative

Staff: Mr. Micah Grant, Mr. Jerry Kiesman, Mrs. Barbara Libby,
Ms. Mallory McPartland, Mr. Brian Walsh

Guests: Mrs. Barbara Lusignan, Kate Lusignan, Kristen Lusignan

Item I: Mr. Snyder, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item II: Agenda Adjustments – None.

Item III: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2015.

Unanimous vote (7)

Item IV: **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. April 2016 Key Club Trip to Springfield, MA

Ms. McPartland, Advisor, and Kate Lusignan, HHS Key Club President/District III Lieutenant Governor, spoke to the District Educational Conference scheduled for April 8-10, the focus of which is to learn how to better serve one's community.

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve the trip as proposed.

Unanimous vote (7)

B. Public Comments – None

Item V: **PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Duran, Superintendent, announced the resignations of Mrs. Cynthia Smith, K-4 head custodian, and Mrs. Carla Pelletier, K-4 ed tech.

Item VI: **OLD BUSINESS**

Excused Absence of School Committee Member/s – None.

Item VII: **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Bus Purchase

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the purchase of a second school bus during 2015-2016.

B. Appointment to UTC Board

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve Mr. Tim Schoppe as Hermon's representative to the United Technologies Center's Cooperative Board of Directors for 2015-2016.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item VIII: **REPORTS**

A. Principals – In addition to their written reports, Mr. Walsh announced a time change for the January 12 Hermon vs Orono varsity boys basketball game.

B. Superintendent – In addition to her written report, Mrs. Duran distributed a sample strategic plan as well as approved plans for three Maine school districts. On behalf of Mr. Boucher, she invited the School Committee to the NHS induction ceremony on January 14 and reminded the School Committee that RKO of Portland will present on its annual audit at the January 14 Hermon Town Council meeting.

C. Student Representatives

- Mr. Lana reported that 150 Christmas letters written by students were forwarded to the Veterans Home, that students manned the Angel Tree at the Bangor Mall for two nights, and that 20+ young children participated in the December 19 Christmas party hosted by the Key Club.

- Ms. Jackson echoed Mrs. Duran's invitation to the NHS induction ceremony.

D. School Committee Follow-up and Request for Information

- Mr. Harris reported that he attended a recent meeting of the SPRPCE directors. Three budget meetings are being scheduled and will be hosted at SPRPCE facilities.

- Mrs. Farnham was again complimentary of the Facebook page. In response to her, Mr. Walsh explained that it is by design not to place athletic contest dates, results, etc., on this site but instead on Hermon High School's website.

In response to Mrs. Farnham's question re any changes planned for coursework to be offered another year, Mrs. Duran stated that she and her administrative team will be discussing the possibility of adding Spanish as an option for HMS students.

- Mr. Carr requested the opportunity to review the strategic plans and then a discussion at the February meeting.

-Mr. Reynolds reported that the Building Committee met last week and now has a starting point for the HES project.

-Mr. Carr suggested inviting Major Fortier to speak to the School Committee about HHS's JROTC program.

E. Other – None.

Item IX: Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to approve Warrant # 13 of December 18, 2015, Warrant # 14 of December 31, 2015, and Warrant # 15 of January 15, 2016.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item X: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to enter executive session at 7p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)] to discuss employment of the superintendent.

Unanimous vote (5)

The School Committee returned to public session at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to extend the superintendent's contract by one year.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item XI: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Harris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Unanimous vote (5)

Respectfully submitted,

Gaynor Reynolds
Recording Secretary