

Hermon School Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2015
Hermon High School Room #139

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Present

Mr. John Snyder, Chairperson
Mr. Christopher Patten, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Debora Farnham
Mr. Ralph Carr
Mr. Anthony Reynolds
Mrs. Debbie CoWallis
Ms. Megan Johnston, Student Representative
Ms. Madalyn Jackson, Student Representative

Staff: Mrs. Janice Clain, Mr. Micah Grant, Mr. Jerry Kiesman, Mrs. Barbara Libby,
Mr. Brian Walsh

Guests: Ms. Maria Bailey, Mr. Ted Harris and Ms. Mikkala Libbey

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

Item II: Mrs. Duran, Superintendent, requested two agenda adjustments:

- Relocating the Student Representatives' reports to Item IV:C;
- Adding Item VII:C. Appoint HSC Member to Interview Student Representative Candidates.

Item III: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2015, and the special meeting of May 13, 2015.

Unanimous vote (7)

Item IV: **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Public Comments – None.

B. Proclamations and Presentations

Mr. Snyder thanked Mr. Patten for his service as a HSC member and presented him with an engraved clock. A round of applause followed.

C. Student Representatives

-Ms. Jackson reported that student officer training is scheduled for June 9. She invited HSC members to HHS's June 11 Class Day.

-Ms. Johnston reported that Class Night is June 11 and commencement is June 13. She thanked the School Committee for the opportunity to serve as a Student Representative.

Item V: **PERSONNEL**

A. Mrs. Duran reported the resignation of Mr. Michael Blake, 9-12 social studies teacher, effective with the end of the school year.

B. Employment 2015-2016

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the nomination of Ms. Maria Bailey as a kindergarten teacher for 2015-2016.

Unanimous vote (5)

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the nomination of Mr. Nicholas Jackson as a 9-12 English LA teacher for 2015-2016.

Unanimous vote (7)

Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the nomination of Ms. Lillian Barry as a 9-12 social studies teacher for 2015-2016.

Unanimous vote (7)

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the nomination of Mr. Nathan Petersen as a 9-12 social studies teacher for 2015-2016.

Unanimous vote (7)

Item V: C. Extra Curricular Appointments 2015-2016

(cont'd) Mrs. Duran announced that the individuals listed below are returning coaches:

HMS Boys Soccer	Mark Dieuveuil
HMS Girls Soccer	Megan McCrum
HHS Cross Country	Amy Luce
HHS Varsity Field Hockey	Shawna Neal
HHS Varsity Football	Brad Deuring
HHS Football Assistants	Micah Cram and Ben Foss
HHS Football Assistant (Volunteer)	Joey Martin
HHS Varsity Boys Soccer	Harry Dieuveuil
HHS Varsity Girls Soccer	M.J. Ball.

Item VI: **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Excused Absence of School Committee Member/s – None.

B. 2015-2016 Budget

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, to approve the 2015-2016 school budget in the amount of \$12,402,315.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item VII: **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Draft Job Description – Director of Student Services

Mrs. Duran asked the HSC to review the draft job description as she will seek approval at the July 6 meeting.

B. August 2015 Meeting Date

School Committee consensus was to schedule the meeting for August 24.

C. Appoint HSC Member to Interview Student Representative Candidates

Mr. Carr will interview the candidates.

Item VIII: **REPORTS**

A. Principals

In addition to their written reports, Mrs. Libby reported that the PreK Open House is scheduled for June 17 with 38 students registered to date. To date 75 students are registered for kindergarten with all but 4 of the students having had a pre-school experience. Twelve HES students recently received a new bicycle thanks to the "Books for Bikes" program sponsored by Lynde Lodge 174 of Hermon.

Mr. Walsh reported that a group of HHS students are working on a public service announcement addressing potential dropout and at risk students which, once completed, will be shown to HMS and Caravel students.

B. Superintendent

Mrs. Duran urged residents to vote tomorrow. She reported that the State Legislature is still in session. **General Purpose Aid** has yet to be determined but it does appear that there will most likely be more funding for education. Should there be additional state funds, there would be the opportunity to collaborate with the Town Council to lower the mill rate or carry forward more funds.

She also spoke to the projected expenditure carryover and unanticipated revenue for 2014-2015, noted that the \$242,500 designated to reserve accounts in 2014-2015 has not yet been recorded, and stressed the importance of funding reserve accounts. Not included in the budget but (because of serious leaks during the past winter) must be addressed is replacing another portion of HMS's roof with a metal roof (\$85,000). She suggested using a reserve account and then replenishing it with leftover 2014-2015 funds.

In response to Mr. Carr, Mrs. Duran stated that she would prefer to use additional state monies to fund projects. She spoke to the lack of space at HES and she thought that the Building Committee "consider" a new PreK-2 building (without state funding), retain HES for grades 3-5 and HMS for grades 6-8.

C. School Committee Follow-up and Request for Information

Mr. Patten commented that it's been an honor and a privilege to serve as a HSC member for the past three years and eight months. He leaves with the remaining thoughts: (1) the HSC continue to provide PreK transportation; (2) when Carmel/Levant students come to Hermon High School, they, as well as Hermon students, are ALL HHS students; (3) curriculum collaboration continue between Hermon and SAD 23; (4) all the successes and awards the HSD, its staff and students receive are publicized; and (5) the HSD has a great team in its administrators, teachers and support staff.

D. Other – None.

Item IX: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Patten, to approve Warrant # 24 of May 22, 2015, and Warrant #25 of June 5, 2015.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item X: Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Patten, to enter executive session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent.

Unanimous vote (5)

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to enter executive session at 7:11 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) to discuss contract negotiations.

Unanimous vote (5)

The School Committee returned to public session at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr, to ratify the Negotiated Agreement between the Hermon School Committee and the Hermon Teachers Association for 2015-2018.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item XII: Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Unanimous vote (5)

Respectfully submitted,

Gaynor Reynolds
Recording Secretary