

Hermon School Committee
Minutes– Regular Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Hermon High School Library

Providing Leadership to Enhance the Aspirations of our Children.

Attending

Jesse Keith, Chair
Deborah Langille (virtual)
Stephanie Oiler
Kristen Shorey
Debbie CoWallis, RSU 87 Representative

Absent

Scott Hatch, Vice Chair

Staff: Cindy Badger, Stephanie Biberstein, Ashlea Bourdon, Jim Chasse, Melissa Davis, Kathryn Goodman, Micah Grant, Deanna Leach, David Nason, Janet O'Clair, Leslie Smith, Brian Walsh, Jody White and Erin York

Guests: 27 members of the community

Item I: Call to Order

Mr. Keith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item II: Agenda Adjustments:

Under Item IV Personnel, C. Employment add the recommendation for kindergarten teacher to be Krista-Rae Helms.

Item III: Proclamations and Presentation

- A. Public Comments from Hermon residents: Keith Piehler, Jeremiah Rancourt, Richard Cyr, Greg Newell, Sean Farley, Ashlea Bourdon, Michael Augustine, Samantha Gerow, Abby Curtis, Kylie Cole and Hillari Morgan.

Item IV: Personnel

A. Resignations

- Brenda Byers, HMS Resource Room Ed Tech

B. Transfer: None

C. Employment

Mrs. Oiler moved, seconded by Ms. Langille, to approve the superintendent/s recommendation to employ Brittany McAllister, HHS High School Library Media Center Ed Tech.

Voting for (unanimous): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Mrs. Shorey moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to approve the superintendent/s recommendation to hire Allie McKenney, HMS 7th Grade Math Teacher.

Voting for (4): Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Abstaining (1): Mrs. CoWallis

Ms. Langille moved, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the superintendent/s recommendation to hire Heather James, HHS Safety/Attendance Monitor.

Voting for (unanimous): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Mrs. Shorey moved, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the superintendent/s recommendation to employ Nicole LaRochelle, federally funded school nurse services (pool testing).

Voting for (unanimous): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Mrs. Shorey moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to approve the superintendent/s recommendation to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher, Krista-Rae Helms, at PADS per increased enrollment.

Voting for (4): Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Abstaining (1): Mrs. CoWallis

D. Co / Extra-curricular positions *New to position

Co-curricular

IEP Coordinator **Joann Swales**

Hermon High School Co-curricular

Fall musical director - **Kathleen Toole**

Fall musical choreographer - **Stephanie Erb**

Show Choir director - **Stephanie Erb**

Show Choir choreographer - **Stephanie Erb**

Hermon High School – Athletics

JV Field Hockey **Kaitlinn Turner**

Item V: Old Business

A. Excused Absence of School Committee Member/s: Scott Hatch

Mrs. CoWallis moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to approve the absence of Scott Hatch.

Voting for (unanimous): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

B. Enrollment

Superintendent Chasse spoke on the 2021-22 enrollments.

C. Reopening Plan (Community Survey Masks/Pool Testing)

Superintendent Chasse spoke on the Parent Survey results regarding mask choice and pool testing, as well as the Standard Operating Procedures for Covid-19 Cases in Schools from the Maine Department of Education. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Mrs. Shorey moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to have parental mask choice with pool testing.

Voting for (4): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Opposed (1): Ms. Langille

D. CIP (Paving & Roof)

Ms. Langille moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to accept the low bid for roofing projects at HHS and PADS as coordinated by Carpenter Associates.

Voting for (4): Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Abstaining (1): Mrs. CoWallis

Item VI: Adjournment

Mrs. CoWallis moved, seconded by Mrs. Oiler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Voting for (unanimous): Mrs. CoWallis, Mr. Keith, Ms. Langille, Mrs. Oiler and Mrs. Shorey

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Chasse

Superintendent of Schools