

HEBRON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, January 17, 2019
REGULAR MEETING
Gilead Hill School – Music Room 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call Board Chair Erica Bromley called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.
- Board Members Present: Erica Bromley, Heather Petit, Kevin Williams, Christopher Aker, Geoffrey Davis (6:37 p.m.), Maryanne Leichter, Kathy Williams
- Liaisons Present: Diane Del Rosso (6:36 p.m.)
- Liaison Absent: Gail Richmond
- II. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions
- Motion** by Kevin Williams to add V. Discussion & Possible Action on the 2018-2019 Budget
Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Public Comments
There were no public comments at this time.
- IV. Board Member Comments
There were no board member comments at this time.
- V. Discussion & Possible Action of the 2018-2019 Budget
The board reviewed the transfer document that was prepared to cover the reductions in the 2019-2020 budget proposal.
Motion by Kevin Williams to approve the transfers on the handout as presented. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. Discussion & Possible Action on the FY'20 Budget Proposal
Mr. Van Tassel and Stephanie Levin reviewed the budget adjustment page. Both attended an insurance consortium meeting this morning and received new rates which show a savings of \$57,620. Mr. Van Tassel asked that the board leave \$10,000 in the budget for contract negotiations. Mr. Van Tassel then said the copier lease was ending in April. Mr. McKenney had been researching copier leases for a savings which reduces next year's budget by \$7,000.
Motion by Kevin Williams to approve a copier contract with Ricoh for a five year lease for a savings of \$7,000 per year. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: Yes: Erica Bromley, Heather Petit, Kevin Williams, Maryanne Leichter, Christopher Aker, Kathy Williams. Abstention: Geoffrey Davis.
Motion carried.
Maryanne Leichter asked if the bus contract has been settled. Mr. Van Tassel stated the bids will close the last week of January and that we have budgeted \$412,000 for regular transportation at a 7% increase from this year. Once the bid is finalized by the Region 8 Bus Group including Region 8, Hebron, Andover and Marlborough, the contract has to be approved by all boards. If approval is not

given by all boards, the process will have to begin again. Mrs. Bromley asked if there were any questions regarding adding the resource officers to the budget. Christopher Aker said the forum was wonderfully attended and was supported so it's good to move forward. Maryanne Leichter said she was in a school that had a security officer and it was different. She supports the decision of a SRO.

Motion by Kevin Williams to approve the 2019-2020 Proposed Hebron Board of Education Budget of \$11,597,935 at .97%. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Tassel requested permission to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen in regard to the SRO.

Motion by Kathy Williams to request the superintendent communicate with the town manager and selectmen regarding the SRO. Seconded by Maryanne Leichter. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Public Comment

Daniel Smith, 411 Jones Street, thanked the board for submitting the SRO in the budget and hope the selectmen will support the program also. He also thanked the board.

Mal Leichter, 62 Wellswood Road, said the Superintendent will appear on the Community Voice Channel with Lori Mathieu – CT Dept. of Public Health and Senator Catherine Osten to discuss the lead water issue on Tuesday of next week. The committee is also receiving Requests for Qualifications on January 18th.

VIII. Board Member Comments

Kevin Williams said realistically the work begins now. He stated the board is going to have a continuous requirement with the general public along with the Board of Selectmen to over communicate the budget requests so that the public is very aware.

Diane Del Russo said the budget book has a great summary of the process and asked if the documentation would be updated. Mr. Van Tassel said it would before being given to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Bromley thanked the board, staff and the Superintendent for all their hard work.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Kevin Williams to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Conderino
Board Clerk