

Hermon School Committee  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 1, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.  
Hermon High School Library

*Providing Leadership to Enhance the Aspirations of our Children*

Present

Anthony Reynolds, Chair  
Ted Harris, Vice Chair  
Debora Farnham  
Jesse Keith  
Jessika Frye  
Allison Treat, Student Representative  
Liana Shaw, Student Representative

Absent

Anne Smith  
Debbie CoWallis

Staff: Stephanie Biberstein, Melissa Davis, Micah Grant, Erica Hake, Jesse Hargrove, Brian Walsh and Christopher Woodside

Others: Matt Tardie and Brielle Harris

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:

Under Item VII: New Business, C. 2018-19 School Crisis Plans move to the November meeting.

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith to table 2018-19 School Crisis Plans until the November meeting.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item III: Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2018, as presented.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item IV: Proclamations and Presentation

A. Public Comments: None

B. Christopher Woodside, JMG trip request

Mr. Woodside gave a quick background on the Job's for Maine's Graduates program. There are 5-6 officer roles within the JMG career association. The overnight trip would be for that leadership team to attend an immersive overnight leadership event at Pine Tree Camp.

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith to approve the JMG trip request, October 17th & 18th, as presented.

Unanimous vote (5)

- C. Matt Tardie, Director, Riverside Adult Education Partnership presentation  
Mr. Tardie gave an overview of the collaborative as well as a PowerPoint presentation detailing the programs offered.
- D. Acceptance of Donation  
Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith to accept the donation from Discount Towing & Road Service of towing of Blue Bird Bus # 7 from Hermon to Carmel, value of \$250.  
Unanimous vote (5)

Mr. Gonyar stated that he'd also like to recognize and thank the Greater Hermon Community Athletic Complex Committee, chaired by Barry Pottle and also Mike Hopkins of Hopkins Landscaping. They did the recent paving job of the driveway in the area in front of the concessions of Pottle Field.

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham to accept the donation from Greater Hermon Community Athletic Complex Committee of the paving in front of the concession stand.

Unanimous vote (5)

Item V: Personnel

A. Resignations

Mr. Gonyar accepted with regret the resignations of:  
Lauren Moulton, HMS Guidance

Item VI: Old Business

A. Excused Absence of School Committee Member/s:

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith, to excuse the absences of Anne Smith and Debbie CoWallis.

Unanimous vote (5)

B. HSC Goals 2018-19

- Support the development and implementation of a locally designed proficiency-based education system that meets the needs of all Hermon students.
- Prioritize and review district policies that support academic achievement, safety, and a positive educational experience for all students.
- Explore opportunities to collaborate and share services with our partners RSU 87 and SPRPCE to enhance the student educational experience and maximize the effective use of resources.
- Increase opportunities to promote the district image, improve communication, and advocate for the district
- Continue to develop a district facility plan that well meet the long-range needs of students.

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham to approve the 2018-19 HSC Goals.

Unanimous vote (5)

## C. Second Reading of Policies

- a. IKF Graduation Requirements
- b. IKFA Early Graduation
- c. IKFAA Additional Graduation Requirements
- d. JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- e. JLFA Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, to approve the second reading of the policies, as presented.

Unanimous vote (5)

## Item VII:    New Business

## A. First Reading of Policies

- a. IK Student Achievement - Evaluation of Student Achievement
- b. JED Attendance
- c. JLF-E Suspected Child Abuse Neglect Report Form
- d. JLF-R Child Abuse Admin Procedure

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, to approve the first reading of the policies, as presented.

Unanimous vote (5)

## B. Selection of School Committee Member to serve on the District Dropout Committee

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, to appoint Jesse Keith to serve on to serve on the District Dropout Committee.

Unanimous vote (5)

C. 2018-19 School Crisis Plans – *tabled, see Item II: Agenda Adjustments*

## Item VIII:    Reports

## A. Superintendent

Mr. Gonyar did not have anything to add in addition to his written report.

## B. Principals

Mr. Walsh added that one of the multiple pathways, the Academ-e program, allows our students to take University of Maine courses at no cost. In addition to that, those students are now eligible for a \$1,500 a year scholarship for four years if they attend University of Maine.

The Bridge Year business program is working with EMCC, and at least two Hermon students will graduate with their associate degree in Business from Eastern Maine Community College.

Mr. Grant noted that the upcoming Pink Luncheon will now be held October 25<sup>th</sup> instead of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## C. Finance Report

## D. School Committee Follow-up and Request for Information

E. Other

Student representative Miss Treat stated that Key Club is painting a chair for the Bangor Kiwanis raffle to raise money for the new playground in downtown Bangor. The Key Leader trip was two weeks ago, and those that attended really liked it. Student Council had spirit week last week, and through their change wars, they raised over \$400 for the Hurricane Florence victims. PSATs will be given October 10th. National Honor Society has started inviting students to apply. On October 26th there will be an assembly for the Thirst Project, partnered with Key Club, to help build wells for communities in Africa.

Student representative Miss Shaw stated that Hawks for Change had their first food drive September 15th. They set up in front of Danforth's and they received about \$500 worth of food which they've distributed among the homerooms. JROTC had their field trips. The Writing Center will be opening October 2nd.

Item IX:            Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith, to approve Warrant # 6 of September 21, and Warrant # 7 of October 5, 2018  
                          Unanimous vote (4)

Item X:             Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Contract Negotiations [1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D)] at 7:30 p.m.  
                          Accepted, unless doubted

The School Committee returned to public session at 8:05 p.m.

Item XI:            Adjournment  
                          Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Keith, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.  
                          Accepted, unless doubted

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary J. Gonyar  
Superintendent of Schools