

Hermon School Committee
Minutes – Special Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Hermon High School, Room 167

Online meeting: <https://meet.google.com/qko-xpqr-ken>

Providing Leadership to Enhance the Aspirations of our Children

Present

Ted Harris, Chair
Deborah Langille

Virtual

Scott Hatch
Jesse Keith
Debora Farnham, Vice Chair

Absent

Liana Shaw, Student Rep.
Mackenzie Stepp, Student Rep
Debbie CoWallis

Staff (attending virtually):

Cindy Badger, Joshua Burgess, Brandi Butterfield, Melissa Davis, Gary Gonyar, Micah Grant, Jenny Perry, Jamie Rennebu, Rick Sinclair and Brian Walsh, Jeff Wheeler, and Jody White

Guests (attending virtually):

James Chasse, Mike Griggs and Jim O'Connor

Item I: Mr. Harris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item II: Agenda Adjustments: None

Item III: Proclamations and Presentation

A. Public Comments: None

B. Presentation by Pine Tree Solar

Mike Griggs and Jim O'Connor presented their solar project proposal. They started with the electric bills from each individual school:

Patricia Duran School uses 308,800 kwh/year = \$43,203/year

Middle School uses 302,904 kwh/year = \$37,000/year

High School uses 828,239 kwh/year = \$107,200/year

The goal would be to eliminate a lot of that usage and produce our own power to save money. The proposal would be for a solar array, including the rooftops of all 3 schools, producing 1.86 million kwh/year. The system cost would be \$1.599 million. Year one production would be 1.1 million kwh of power we would be producing with an estimated savings of \$143,000. The inefficient high school heating system power consumption was mentioned as a possible separate project. Also proposed was the option of leasing the system from Blue Wave. Discussion ensued. Superintendent Gonyar stated that this is a project that we would have to have an engineering firm look at and put it out to bid by policy. He thanked Pine Tree Solar for all the time and effort they put into their proposal and for the presentation.

No action was taken.

C. Presentation by Jamie Rennebu, Business Manager on finance software

Ms. Rennebu stated that our current finance software, Profund, is being phased out. The updates by Tyler Technologies are only mandated updates, such as tax forms or W-2's. There are no enhancement updates and we are missing some key components to Profund. Infinite Visions, the current migration path from Profund, is a web and client based. The original purchase price we paid for the modules we have in Profund is applied to the upgrade price. It has the following modules built into it: General Ledger, Budgeting, Bank Reconciliations, Requisitions and Purchase Orders, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Human Services and iVisions web portal (an employee self-service). It also has extensive canned reports. It allows for room to grow. It is compatible with electronic time clocks which would be a separate purchase. There is a 6-month timeline for implementation. The approximate cost of the software is \$50,000 with an annual support cost of \$14,000, about \$2,700 more

per year than what we are currently paying. Discussion involved staff training, software introduction, other district usage instead of Quickbooks and alleviating past payroll issues. It is an upgrade to what we are currently using so it does not need to go through the bidding process. Ms. Rennebu will go to RSU 87 to see the product in use and check into time clock program prices.

Ms. Langille motioned, seconded by Mr. Hatch, to move to purchase Infinite Visions from the 2019-20 school year budget.

Voting for: (4) Mr. Harris, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Keith, and Ms. Langille

Voting against: (1) Mrs. Farnham

Item IV: Personnel

A. Employment

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Ms. Langille to approve the employment of Brandi Butterfield as Assistant Director of Special Services.

Unanimous (5)

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Ms. Langille to approve the employment of Kathryn Goodman as Assistant Principal at the PADS.

Unanimous (5)

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Ms. Langille to approve the employment of Emily Prue as Grade 6 Teacher with Emphasis on Science at HMS.

Unanimous (5)

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Ms. Langille to approve the employment of Heather Haskell, Math Teacher /Intervention at HHS.

Unanimous (5)

B. Transfers

Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Ms. Langille to accept the transfer of Courtney Klages, Teacher from Grade 2 to Kindergarten at PADS.

Unanimous (5)

Item X: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Accepted unless doubted.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary J. Gonyar
Superintendent of Schools