

Hermon School Committee  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2016  
Hermon High School Room #139

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Mr. John Snyder, Chairperson  
Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Debora Farnham  
Mr. Ralph Carr  
Mr. Ted Harris  
Mrs. Debbie CoWallis  
Mrs. Shannon Knowles  
Ms. Madalyn Jackson, Student Representative  
Ms. Michael Lana, Student Representative

Staff: Mrs. Stephanie Biberstein, Mrs. Janice Clain, Mr. Micah Grant, Mr. Jerry Kiesman,  
Mrs. Debbie Langille, Mrs. Barbara Libby, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Mr. Brian Walsh  
Guests: Mr. Ryley Hamel, Mrs. Sally Hartford, Mrs. Audrey Jackson, Mrs. Donna Pulver;  
Ms. Brianna Bryant, Mrs. Kim Nichols and Mrs. Robin Carr-Stauenwhite with  
Bangor Public Health; and Mrs. Sarah Krichels Goan with Hornby Zeller Associates

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

Item II: Agenda Adjustments

Mrs. Duran, Superintendent, requested an addition to Item IV: - C. Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey.

Item III: Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2016.

Unanimous vote (7)

Item IV: **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION**

A. Public Comments – None.

B. Proclamations and Presentations

Mr. Snyder presented Ms. Jackson with a certificate of appreciation for her service as a representative for HHS students. A round of applause followed.

C. Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey

Mrs. Goan, Manager of Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc., provided a Power Point presentation entitled “Student Substance Abuse: Trends, Risks and Protective Factors – Hermon School Department: 2009-2015.” Data was compiled from the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey administered to HSD students in grades 7-12 in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015. There was the opportunity for questions/answers and discussion.

Item V: **PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Duran announced the resignation of Mrs. Judy Yeo, HHS secretary, effective June 30, 2016.

Item VI: **OLD BUSINESS**

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

B. Policies (Second Reading)

Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mrs. CoWallis, to approve the second reading of the listed policies:

BCB Conflict of Interest  
BCC Nepotism  
EBAA Chemical Hazards  
EBCA Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan  
EFB Offer vs Serve  
IHBEA LAU Plan – English as a Second Language  
JFABD Admission of Homeless Students  
JLCDA Medical Marijuana in Schools

- Item VI: B. JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect  
 (cont'd) JLF-E Suspected Child Abuse / Neglect Report Form  
 JLF-R Reporting Child Abuse / Neglect – Administrative Procedure  
 KHB Advertising in the Schools.  
 Unanimous vote (7)

Item VII: **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. April 1 Student Enrollment  
 Mrs. Duran provided data for the past five years and reported that resident enrollment is up 4.4% over five years ago. Total enrollment 2011-12 was 1,196 and currently is 1,200. Hermon continues to grow.
- B. Student Loan Agreement for I.T. Assistant  
 Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the agreement for 2016-2017.  
 Voting for: Snyer, Reynolds, Carr, Harris  
 Voting against: Farnham

Item VIII: **REPORTS**

- A. Principals  
 In addition to their written reports, Mr. Walsh was pleased to report out on a successful, unannounced canine search of HHS Friday, April 29.
- B. Superintendent  
 In addition to her written report, Mrs. Duran provided budget information requested by two board members. She recognized and thanked Ms. Jackson for her service.
- C. Student Representatives  
 -Mr. Lana reported that juniors will take the MEA science test this week. Twenty JROTC cadets will assist with the spring Special Olympics. Key Club will sponsor "Rock All Night" next month. He spoke to the recent canine search and the reference to "Code Red at HHS" on social media.  
 -Ms. Jackson reported that Student Council is making plans for the 2016 fall homecoming. AP testing is scheduled for the next two weeks. Senior Prom is May 14 and NHS Academic Awards Night is May 18. She thanked the School Committee for the opportunity to serve as a student representative.
- D. School Committee Follow-up and Request for Information  
 -School Committee members echoed Mrs. Duran's words of thanks to Ms. Jackson.  
 -In response to Mr. Harris, Mr. Lana stated that JROTC cadets will not march in Carmel's Memorial Day parade but will march in Bangor's parade.  
 Mr. Harris reported out that he has toured SPRPCE's building on Main Avenue, Bangor, and was complimentary of the program offered to special education students.  
 -In response to Mr. Carr, Mrs. Duran stated that the HSD does not have any Workers Comp claims.
- E. Other – None.

Item IX: 2016-2017 Budget

Mrs. Duran will present the 16-17 proposed budget to the Hermon Town Council Thursday night. Overall the budget is down \$134,556.

- Item X: Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve Warrant # 22 of April 22, 2016, and Warrant # 23 of May 6, 2016.  
 Unanimous vote (5)

- Item XI: Mr. Carr motioned, seconded by Mr. Harris, to enter executive session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) – Employment of Public Officials.  
 Unanimous vote (5)

Mrs. CoWallis and Mrs. Knowles left the meeting.  
 The School Committee returned to public session at 8:31 p.m.  
 No action taken.

- Item XII: Mr. Harris motioned, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.  
 Unanimous vote (5)

Respectfully submitted,  
 , Recording Secretary

