

BRIDGEWATER, HEBRON & GROTON STEERING COMMITTEE

297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH 03222

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Terence Murphy
Bridgewater Selectman

Patrick Moriarty
Hebron Selectman

John Rescigno
Groton Selectman

Erick Piper
Bridgewater Representative

Jennifer Larochelle
Hebron Representative

Virginia Parker
Groton Representative

Derry Riddle
BHVD – Ex Officio

William White
BHVD – Ex Officio

March 27, 2024: Meeting called to order at 6pm
Meeting Location: Hebron, Union Congregational Church

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Larochelle, Terence Murphy, Virginia Parker, Erick Piper and John Rescigno.

Absent: Patrick Moriarty.

Ex Officio member present: Derry Riddle.

Ms. Larochelle called the meeting to order, and requested introductions from the committee members.

Ms. Larochelle asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 6, 2024 with edits.

Mr. Piper made the motion, seconded by Ms. Parker. All present in favor.

Ms. Larochelle asked for subcommittee reports.

Education/Planning Committee:

Mr. Murphy explained that there will be certain steps to follow if the vote from Hebron is in the affirmative. First would be the certification of their vote. Then we begin reaching out to all the contacts we have already briefly talked to; transportation, etc.

Ms. Larochelle stated that Hebron had their meeting on warrant articles and a woman approached her and stated she is a Behavioral Specialist and would like to volunteer her services.

Mr. Piper requested a list of all consultants and their specialty or area of service so we can focus on what we have in place and what areas we may need.

Ms. Larochelle stated she would take that and create a spreadsheet.

Ms. Parker stated she has created a rough spreadsheet of all the steps that need to take place. Building backwards from live date.

Discussion ensued around tasks that will need to take place. One topic was possible naming of Mascot and also the need for creating a school district name.

Budget Committee:

Mr. Piper stated that there isn't anything new to report. He and Ms. Parker are making final projections on income items.

Discussion ensued regarding certain services that we will need to negotiate once we are a school district and can sign agreements.

Facility Planning Committee:

Ms. Riddle made the announcement that the scoreboard arrived on Friday and that she and Ms. Larochelle are reaching out to possible donors for the Playground funding.

Ms. Larochelle opened the meeting for public Comment.

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Janice Barnard thanked the committee for all of their hard work. She then added it would be nice to be able to extend a letter of intent to the teachers, staff and paraprofessionals at BHVS.

Ms. Larochelle responded that we will reach out to the attorney and see what we can do, but again last night at the school board meeting, we reiterated our intentions of having them all stay with the new school district.

Janice Barnard then asked if the actual meetings have been with the teachers or with the union representative.

Ms. Larochelle stated that we have been able to meet with some teachers, but not all have attended.

Discussions ensued regarding the importance to keep the current teachers, paraprofessionals and staff.

Matt Barnard asked if the Hebron vote is successful will this group still be meeting.

Ms. Larochelle stated that if the vote passes in May, the selectmen from each town will appoint a Board member from their town. These appointments then need to be approved by the NH Department of Education.

Mr. Murphy state if the vote passes in May, there will be a lot that needs to be approved and accomplished in a short period of time. This committee could remain as an advisory committee to the newly formed board.

Matt Barnard asked if new classrooms need to be added, where it would be on the existing building.

Ms. Larochelle showed individuals on the building plan. It would be off the right side of the right wing. This would make the building have four classrooms off each wing. The school currently has 12 classrooms and at the present time with declining enrollments, we do not see an immediate need.

Ms. Larochelle asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the public. Seeing none, she requested a motion to enter into executive session.

Mr. Murphy made the motion and Mr. Piper seconded. All present were in favor.

Committee entered executive session at 6:58pm. Committee exited executive session at 7:20pm

Ms Larochelle asked for a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session Ms. Parker made the motion and Mr. Murphy seconded. All present were in favor.

Ms. Larochelle requested a date for the next meeting. April 10th in Hebron was the decision.

Ms. Larochelle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Murphy made the motion and Ms. Parker seconded. All present in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.