

Bridgewater-Hebron Village District
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

Board Members Present: Terry Murphy, Derry Riddle, Bill White (by phone)
Others In Attendance: Kris Bean

The meeting began at 10:07 a.m.

The commissioners invited Kris Bean to speak regarding a scoreboard for the gymnasium. He is awaiting an estimate from Athletic Facility Solutions (who was recently used in Bristol) on a few options for some basic wireless units. A rough idea of cost including installation is about \$10,000. Given that we are likely to incur some costs associated with the new playgrounds, getting sponsors to help with the cost was considered, although the group thought that having an advertising panel on the board would not be the way to go. Acknowledging sponsors through press releases, etc. would be better. Kris volunteered to seek some contributors. Derry mentioned that perhaps some local banks would be interested. Terry recommended looking into a scoreboard with cat 5 cabling. The commissioners felt that it should be installed by professionals rather than volunteers, especially given liability concerns. How and where it would be installed was also discussed. It would likely be mounted on the wall rather than hung from the ceiling. In addition, other factors to consider are the serviceability of the unit. Derry recommended that Terry speak with a technician from the company rather than just a salesperson. Checking other companies was also a suggestion. Kris will contact other local schools to see where they have purchased them, and Terry will contact Keith McBey from Bonnette, Page & Stone regarding their recommendations. The commissioners agreed that installing a scoreboard in the gym would be beneficial, especially should the school expand to a K-8.

In addition to the scoreboard, other upgrades were discussed. Installing bleachers in the future should be looked into. Plus, the baseball field needs updating. Kris is a member of the baseball commission, which is affiliated with Newfound Babe Ruth (through the TTCC). The current field can only accommodate very young children. He thought the organization might be interested in helping update the field to accommodate older children (to age 12). He mentioned that it would still not be the level for middle school use. He suggested that a second field could possibly be installed on the opposite end of the field for middle school level play. It is likely that games on both fields could not be played simultaneously, however.

The commissioners thanked Kris for his valuable input. It was agreed that if Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton should form their own school district, the TTCC, and the wonderful programs they provide, would still be welcome to continue using the facility similar to how they are currently regardless of the new district's affiliation.

The minutes of October 30, 2023, were approved as written on motion by Terry and seconded by Derry.

The manifests were reviewed and signed. It was noted that Monica Paiva, the school secretary who passed away a number of years ago, is still mentioned as the contact on the Johnson Controls invoice. This should be updated to the present secretary, Sara Hunnewell.

Corrections of minutes will be reflected on the next meeting minutes.

Terry reported that a pipe burst overnight and flooded the conference room. Johnson Controls quickly fixed the pipe and Servpro is working on the clean-up. There was minimal damage to the conference room, speech therapy room, and nurse's office. A small amount of sheetrock will need to be replaced. Servpro will be coming back to clean the carpets in the entire office area. We plan to submit an insurance claim through NASD.

We received a gracious donation of \$182,000 toward the playground from the Rooke family. Since the total quote is \$219,285.13, we still need to raise about \$40,000 to do both playgrounds in the spring.

We will need to schedule a meeting in February to work on our budget. Included in the numbers should be monies to "lend" to help form the new school district.

Our annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 9. Terry will contact Colleen to confirm who is up for reelection. We will also need to schedule our budget hearing as well (not later than 25 days before our meeting) so we are looking at the second week in March.

Although we did not review the Profit & Loss during the meeting, Terry reported that our finances are in good shape.

It was noted that we need to reopen the bank account associated with the nonprofit that accepts donations on behalf of B-HVD for the school.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on motion by Terry, seconded by Derry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Derry Riddle, Commissioner