

Bridgewater-Hebron Village District
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024

Board Members Present: Terry Murphy, Derry Riddle, Bill White (by phone)
No Others in Attendance

The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of February 15, 2024, were approved as written on motion by Terry and seconded by Bill.

In addition to the anticipated expenses discussed at the last meeting (cupola repair/painting, driveway pavement patching, plumbing drainage issues in the kitchen, painting of the storage shed), we plan to replace the eastern wing bathroom tile floors with epoxy. We also need to replace the urinals in the main boys' bathroom. As mentioned during the last meeting, Terry plans to ask Ted Gadbois to look at the gazebo and give us his suggestions/estimates. We don't expect any of these items to be very large expenses.

As suggested in our last meeting, in order to estimate the value of the school building and property, we should obtain an appraisal from a real estate professional. We also still have not received a copy of the insurance policy from NASD. Bill asked to check re who would receive any benefits should there be a claim. Terry will follow-up on this.

We received a gracious donation of \$5,229 from All Points Property Maintenance for the purchase of a scoreboard for the gymnasium, which has been ordered. Where to place it in the gym was discussed. Terry and Derry will try to meet later this month to determine the best location considering visibility and access to wiring. Kris Bean will continue to be included in this discussion. Terry will also look into possible contractors for the job. It was noted that Goodrum Electric has a lift which could possibly be used to fix some acoustic ceiling tiles while in the gym. Derry will mail a thank you from B-HVD, including our tax ID number, to All Points for their contribution.

Terry recently emailed Derry a list of potential playground donors of Hebron residents suggested by Merrills Property Maintenance (who we hire to maintain the school grounds). We have already received \$182,000 from the Rooke family of Bridgewater. The quote from GameTime for the playground equipment, shipping, and installation is \$219,285.13. We anticipate we will need about \$50,000 more if we consider removal and disposal of the old playground and installation of rubber mulch, etc. Jennifer Larochelle has offered to work with Derry to solicit these funds.

The proposed 2024 budget was reviewed. \$300,000 in the "Legal Matters & Expense", line 4153.00, was suggested to help cover initial start-up costs should the new three-town school district get approved. Our board has been in contact with the Hebron and Bridgewater Select Boards regarding this. The commissioners felt it was the best option to cover these initial expenses.

Terry moved to create a warrant article for the \$452,950.00 proposed budget. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

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

The budget hearing needs to be rescheduled due to the commissioners' unavailability.

Terry moved and Bill seconded to move the budget hearing from March 25 to March 26 at 10 a.m. and hold the B-HVD annual meeting on April 16. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m. on motion by Derry, seconded by Terry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Derry Riddle, Commissioner