

Bridgewater-Hebron Village District  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2023

Board Members Present: Amy Cunningham, Terry Murphy, Derry Riddle, Bill White

The meeting began at 10:20 a.m.

The manifests were reviewed and signed.

The group went over B-HVS's enrollment by town. There are currently 155 total students in the building with two preschool and kindergarten classes each. The majority of preschool students are from Bristol. It was noted that 22 students enrolled in the kindergarten are from Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton. Terry mentioned that it was a "bubble" year partly due to COVID and more young families moving here as full-time residents.

The minutes of August 24, 2023, were approved as written on motion by Terry and seconded by Bill.

A discussion about a lease agreement extension ensued. The current lease expires on June 30, 2024. We will check with our attorneys as we get closer as to how best to proceed.

The Profit & Loss Report was distributed and reviewed. The school repairs have been expensive this year. We have not taken the \$80,000 loan yet. We have a little over \$100,000 in the maintenance reserve. The bills are all paid and up to date. We have about \$4,400 in our operating accounts. In December we will be receiving the income (tax revenue) from the two towns.

The fire alarm system has been updated and cost about \$16,000.

The septic system is OK for now.

The chimney repairs are ongoing, and the cost estimates have gone up and down through the process. It was recently discovered that a section of the top of the chimney needs to be rebuilt. Granite State Plumbing has been great to work with and has split some of the extra costs. Hopefully the repairs will happen soon. The total cost is estimated to be around \$40,000. This will likely come from the maintenance reserve.

We still might not need to take the loan. Derry asked if we can still borrow the money in 2024 if needed. Terry thought we could. He will check with the DRA regarding the interpretation of warrant article #2 from our annual meeting. The DRA is who gave us the wording for the article.

The alert system on the refrigerator/freezer was completed.

The shed still needs to be painted. Terry has someone in mind and will look into this.

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

The door on the handicapped accessible stall of the main girl's bathroom was replaced but then the door handle broke. The part is in to fix it which Terry will do. Some spare parts were also purchased for future repairs.

The floor in one of the bathrooms in the east wing needs repair where some tiles had broken. It was decided to install epoxy flooring in both bathrooms in that area and consider doing this during winter vacation.

A door lock alarm system was installed this summer allowing the office to monitor the status of the exterior doors. Terry will research possible vendors to support the video surveillance system.

The playground needs to be replaced. We also are considering an additional smaller play space for the youngest students at the back of the western wing. Derry contacted GameTime, who we purchased the current one from over twenty years ago. A representative from the company will be meeting with us at the site on Thursday, October 19 at 3:30 p.m. Derry will invite the building principal Stacey Giles to join the meeting. Terry met with the Rooke family recently regarding obtaining a grant for the cost of at least some of this. We will need to put together information and cost estimates to present to them.

The Merrills have repaired some of the fences. NASD would like to install a fence near the back of the west wing where the younger children play. It is estimated to cost \$4,500 to put a split rail fence there. It was decided that if NASD gives us the money from their ESSR funds we will do this.

It was noted that we received \$1,300 from NASD for their portion of the dumpster cost.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on motion by Derry, seconded by Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Derry Riddle, Commissioner