

HEART Committee Meeting Minutes 5/30/2018

Members present: Julia Blyth, Cheryl George, Michele Giarusso, Bob Keir, Tony Matteo, Jess Marshall, Sue O'ReillyMcRae, Jean Page, Ginger Robinson

Members absent: Alan Genovese, Bill Wahlstrom

Others present: Renee Keir, Max Marcus

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes: Bob made a motion to accept the minutes of 5/16/18 as written, seconded by Sue, carried by unanimous vote.

Members welcomed our newest member, representing Northfield, Julia Blyth.

Task Check-in: Ginger knows of a useful power point re: Ch 70, which she will look up and forward to all members.

Debriefing on outside meetings or other information:

I. School committee

A. Sue updated us that the recently distributed Division of Local Services letter of 5/23/18 to superintendent Miller contains solid information regarding where things are fiscally and what the challenges have been over the past three years. Sue reflected on the struggles of the school committee in trying to function without substantial leadership. Financial #'s which have not been made readily available by the superintendent prior to now are finally being clarified by the Dept of Revenue.

B. Sue has been in contact with the Dept. of Ed.'s Deputy Commissioner Jeff Wolfson (sp?) who explained that the State will henceforth be involved in all fiscal operations of the district, including teachers' contracts. Also it was confirmed that the district Agreement will need to be officially changed in order to close a school. Guidance will be given by Steve Hemmans (Ma. Assoc. Reg. Schools) and C.P.A. Mark Abrahams. Upcoming events include interim superintendent interviews (public) on 6/5/18. Also a comprehensive meeting regarding strategy for solving current crisis, to include the four selectboards, the Dept of Ed., D.O.R., and one or more State Representatives, and the School Committee, is scheduled for 6/7/18.

II. Update on Website and Facebook

Cheryl has diligently opened a new online informational group for the PVRSD community. Within the day she had already noted 200+ subscribers.

Carryover items:

I. RFP

A. Sue attended the Gill Montague steering committee meeting following the GM RFQ. Enrollment will be analyzed as part of their study, looking at the next ten years. Many of the things we are interested in learning are incorporated into the Gill Montague study. It was determined that GM can channel our RFP/study money, and be the administrator of our study as opposed to us needing to go through the RFP process (again). This can be a corroboration as long as correct procurement channels are utilized. Tracy Rogers will help

facilitate this, and Gill Montague's role with us will be as financial advisor.

B. We will compose questions which are particular to our district's needs, and submit them to the GM group. One such example might be what is an affordable and viable structure for the PVRs district. Sue will generate a final document, having already begun work on it with Ginger. Also assisting in this process is Northfield's interim administrator, Bernie Kubiak.

C. RFP is now renamed Interdistrict Agreement.

Next Meeting 6/13/18 at PVRs Kiva.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob, seconded by Jean, all in favor, adjournment at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Page