

## MINUTES

Hoosac Valley Regional School Committee  
School Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 8, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.  
Hoosac Valley High School  
125 Savoy Road, Cheshire, MA

**PRESENT:** Mike Mucci, John Duval, Andrew Przystanski, Erin Milne, Mike Henault

**ABSENT:** Adam Emerson

**OTHERS:** Superintendent Aaron Dean

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**104137 Call to Order**

Chairman Mike Mucci called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**104138 Public Comment or Question - None**

**104139 Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2023**

**MOTION:** On Motion of Erin Milne and second by Andrew Przystanski

VOTED: to approve the December 11, 2023 School Committee minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**104140 Report of Treasurer/Business Manager -**

Vote to accept small grants / donations - ACE grant: \$15,000, Applied Learning Leadership Grant - CJS foundation \$7200, 1Berkshire - \$500, General Dynamics - \$6,000

**MOTION:** On Motion of Mike Henault and second by John Duval

VOTED: to accept the above mentioned grants The vote was unanimous.

**104141 Report of Sub Committee - None - Mike Mucci stated that via email, he is looking to realign committees and set dates for upcoming meetings**

**104142 Communications -**

**A. School Committee Opening - interview Robert Tetlow - Q&A session**

- a. M Mucci - why are you interested in this position? - response: member of community - has an eye to the future - would like to be involved and learn what it takes to run a school - also sits in on town meetings to understand how difficult it is to find out what this all entails.
- b. M Henault nice to see someone attend meetings and be able to understand where we are at and jump right in - Bob - glad to have more time to devote to things like this
- c. Erin Milne - what educational issues are important to you? Bob - absenteeism - being a small community and knowing the families - wants to better understand what the underlying issues are and how to solve it. Also the learning process - looking at the good things that are supposed to take care of the bad things ... how are those students not performing getting the help they need to graduate in the spring

- d. John D - what programs do you see as our strengths? Bob - not familiar with them all but likes the pathways - grand daughter chose to go to mccann and realized that the program here is an opportunity to get kids to stay here as they don't offer many of the pathways we do.

**MOTION:** On Motion of Mike Henault and second by John Duval:

VOTED: to nominate Robert Tetlow as a Cheshire School Committee member to fulfill the term of Bethany DeMarco-Gaylord. The vote was unanimous.

**104143 Report of Superintendent -**

**A. Budget Calendar** - Aaron Dean led discussion around thought process and preliminary work being done - outlined tentative budget schedule with first meeting with towns taking place January 25th in Cheshire - Mike Henault suggested for the sake of transparency we post as an A&E subcommittee meeting - will check with the towns to get their thoughts.

**B. Regional Agreement Committee** - Aaron discussed who has already been selected for each town to represent their boards - will officially bring forward at the February meeting. School Committee must also select who will represent each town. Committee instructed to email the superintendent if interested.

**104144 Chairman's - None**

**104145 Unfinished Business - None**

**104146 New Business - None**

**104147 Action Items - None**

**104148 For the Good of the Order:**

John Duval: congrats to Bob and thank you for putting yourself out there

Mike Mucci: - mentioned path signing day taking place tomorrow 1/9 at the highschool - committee invited to attend

Andy Przystanski - congrats to Bob as well

Erin Milne: holding space for the tragedies taking place elsewhere - and thankful that our school is addressing these challenges in an attempt to make for a more diversified, accepting world

**MOTION:** On Motion of Andy Przystanski and second by John Duval:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Dean, Superintendent

Erika Snyder, Recording Secretary