

**MEETING MINUTES
FROM JOINT MEETING OF
THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 17, 2016

Wenham Board of Selectman Present:

Chair John Clemenzi,
Selectmen Catherine Harrison, Jack Wilhelm

School Committee Chair Stacey Metternick opened the School Committee session for interviewing Josh Liebow, Candidate for School Committee.

Wenham Board of Selectmen John Clemenzi opened the BOS meeting for the same

School Committee Chair Stacey Metternick presented questions to the candidate. Candidate's responses summarized in italics:

- Candidate's experience in serving on government boards/committees
No service on government boards, but has served on for-profit boards

- How the candidate would develop his knowledge on oversight of Hamilton-Wenham Schools
Through discussion with Dr. Harvey, former and current School Committee members

- Candidate's awareness of the role of the School Committee in terms of setting policy in order to facilitate administration's execution of said policy.
Is aware of the differing roles of School Committee vs. Administration

- Special skills the candidate brings to the position
Candidate's role at John Hancock involves analysis of financial structures of businesses, reviewing financial forecasts, both of which are pertinent to the School District.

- Availability to prepare for and participate in 2-4 meetings per month between general School Committee meetings and committee/working group meetings
Candidate is confident that he will have sufficient time to attend and prepare for his responsibilities to the School Committee.

- Candidate was asked about what he sees as the most critical issue(s) the School Committee

must address over the next three years.

*Decline in enrollment requires budget to maintain the same quality of education;
ensuring infrastructure is acceptable; ongoing funding*

- Whether or not the candidate would seek election in April to extend his service
Yes, if over the net 6 months he finds he can make a contribution and fulfill the responsibilities
- If the candidate is comfortable advocating for the concerns of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District at Town Meetings
Yes

Discussion followed, with questions from Selectmen about number of Town Meetings attended (*2 in Hamilton, which concerned the School District*), length of time candidate has lived in Wenham (*3 years*).

MOTION: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF JOSH LIEBOW AS A WENHAM REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CURRENT TERM, ENDING AT THE APRIL 2017 ELECTION.

MOTION BY John Clemenzi; SECONDED BY Jeanise Bertrand UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by members of the School Committee and Wenham Board of Selectmen (7 members present)

The Wenham Board of Selectman adjourned.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee recessed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting