

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

December 8, 2016

Hamilton Board of Selectman Present:

Scott Maddern, Shawn Farrell, Jeffrey Hubbard, Allison Jenkins, Bill Wilson

School Committee Members Present:

Stacey Metternick (Chair), Deb Evans, Michelle Bailey, David Polito, Josh Liebow,
Jeanise Bertrand

School Committee Chair Stacey Metternick opened the joint session of the Hamilton Board of Selectmen and Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee for the purpose of interviewing seven candidates for the Hamilton Representative of the School Committee.

Each candidate began his/her interview with a personal statement of interest, and was interviewed by the Selectmen and the School Committee, inquiry focused around the following topics:

- Candidate's experience in serving on government boards/committees:
- How the candidate would develop his/her knowledge on oversight of Hamilton-Wenham Schools
- Candidate's awareness of the role of the School Committee as a policy setting entity rather than an executive entity, i.e., the School Committee is not involved in day to day administration of its policies.
- Pertinent experience the candidate brings to the position.
- Candidate's availability to prepare for and participate in 2-4 meetings per month between general School Committee meetings and committee/working group meetings.
- Candidate's assessment of the most critical issue(s) the School Committee must address over the next three years.
- If the candidate is comfortable advocating for the concerns of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District at Town Meetings
- Candidate's position on the Town of Hamilton's concern with leveled budget/leveled services approach to supporting important educational programs.

After all candidates were interviewed, a roll call vote identified the top three candidates:

Laurie Johnson, Kerry Gertz, and Gene Lee.

Members of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee were invited to present further questions to the three:

- Whether or not the candidate would seek election in April to extend his/her service after finishing the interim term, thereby supporting the continuity of the Committee.
- The candidate's ease in being the only Hamilton representative on the School Committee, which involves a concern for the Hamilton Community as relates to HWRSD and a concern for HWRSD as it relates to both communities.
- The most valuable and distinctive contributions the candidate could bring.

Decisions for the candidates were affirmed by a roll call vote. Gene Lee received 7 votes; Kerry Gertz and Laurie Johnson 2 votes each.

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HWRSC AND HAMILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN JOINTLY APPOINT GENE LEE TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CURRENT TERM, ENDING AT THE APRIL 2017 ELECTION.

**Motion by MICHELLE BAILEY; Seconded by DAVID POLITO
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by members of the School Committee and HAMILTON
Board of Selectmen (11 members present)**

HAMILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ADJOURNED.

**I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ADJOURN AT 8:30 PM.**

**Motion by MICHELLE BAILEY; seconded by JEANISE Bertrand
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting