

**Preston Youth Service Bureau  
Youth Advisory Board  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 26, 2019  
4:00 pm.  
Preston Town Hall**

**Members Present:**, Ray Bernier, Resident State Trooper Armando Bettini, Robert Congdon, Robert Onderdonk, Ivy Davis-Tomczuk, Rachel Tucker,

**Members Absent:** Dr. Roy Seitsinger, Reverend Stan White, Hannah Crary,

**Also Present:** Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director, Heather Helwig, Assistant Parks & Recreation and Roberta Charpentier, recorder

1st Selectmen Congdon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**1. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

i. March 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting

**A motion was made by R.Tucker and seconded by R. Congdon to accept the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**I. Davis-Tomczuk abstained. Motion carries.**

**2. Grants**

A. Brosnan stated that she applied for, and was awarded, the \$14,000 matching grant and the enhancement grant for \$5,668.00.

R. Congdon noted that A. Brosnan did a good job getting \$~33,668 into the YSB budget.

**3. Programs & Activities**

- Homework club will be after school on Thursdays at PVMS. ~\$3,000
- D.A.R.E. by Trooper Armando Bettini. ~\$1,500
- Safe Futures - ~\$2,000

H. Helwig stated that sometimes it's hard to wait for approval from the YSB to fund programs and requested approval to spend \$5,668 from the Enhancement Grant on after school activities.

A. Brosnan noted that \$5,000 in funds would also be needed for four assemblies organized with the Principal's input.

**A motion was made by Robert Congdon and seconded by Ivy Davis-Tomczuk to approve funding Homework Club for \$3,000, D. A. R. E. for \$1,500, Safe Futures for \$2,000 and two assemblies per school (four total) for \$5,000 and authorize the Chairman to approve afterschool program funding for up to \$5,600.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

R. Tucker stated that last year the YSB discussed putting money aside for a Social Worker and asked if that is in this year's budget.

H. Helwig answered that it is in the school budget for .4.

I. Davis-Tomczuk noted that when Chief Casey responds to emergencies there are times when access to a social Worker would be extremely helpful.

I. Davis-Tomczuk suggested using the school Social Worker for the Town 1 day a week.  
R. Congdon will check with Ledyard, Montville and Norwich to see how they handle it.

H. Helwig stated that there needs to be a better line of communication between the school and the YSB regarding truancy.

R. Congdon noted that a Social Worker could help with this.

R. Tucker stated that the YSB does not do a lot for high school kids, especially in the summer. Maybe the YSB could think about something in the summer for kids in the 12 to 15 age range. A couple of field trips and an open gym day.

#### **4. Public Comment**

None

#### **5. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by R. Onderdonk to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier  
recorder