

**Minutes Thursday, January 5, 2016 South Hero School Board Meeting
At Folsom Education & Community Center**

6:00 Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, Board Chair, at 6:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Kris Bowser, Dave Cain, RJ Sweeney, Bentley Vaughan, Board members; Lenny Badeau, Principal; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; Lynn Carpenter GISU, Business Manager; Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support Services; Jessica McAllister, Helen Bishop, Tim Maxham, Melanie Henderson, Emma Sabourin, Anna Sabourin, Kari Banas

Adjustment of Agenda:

- Moved public comments up to hear presentation from Anna and Emma Sabourin.

Public Comments:

- Anna and Emma Sabourin's Trimester 2 Goal is to redesign girls locker room. They want to replace a shower curtain, hang some mirrors, and repaint the walls white and stencil in FOLSOM PATRIOTS. Kris Bowser made sure they had approval from the principal, and Principal Badeau confirmed he had reviewed the plans with the girls and signed off on them. The Board made a motion to approve this plan.
- Melanie Henderson asked what the current number of students being homeschooled is. Beth Hemingway didn't have that information off the top of her head, but said she would get that figure to the Board and Ms. Henderson.
- Kari Banas wanted to know about advocating for specific teachers in terms of raises, Board members responded it was done by contract.
- Kari Banas asked about Act 46. Per Melanie Henderson the subcommittee has a meeting on Tuesday 1/10/17.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Burrington unable to be present due to extenuating circumstances; Board members read report, had no questions.

Principal's Report, presented by Lenny Badeau, Principal

Highlights:

- The Winter Carnival was held today and tomorrow (1/5 - 1/6/16), to encourage positive decision-making skills. Parents are welcome to attend.
- New Special Educator has been hired with a background in reading, coming from Shelburne Community School, very excited to have her on board.
- Custodian Cindy Hutchens will be retiring this year. She is going to part-time status starting January 15. They are looking to have her train a new custodian through the end of the year.
- Stage lights and sound installation in their final phase. Should be done by the 3-4 play.

- After-school buses are running Mondays and Wednesdays, so any and all after school clubs are ready to be restarted, Principal Badeau invited community members who previously ran clubs to resume hosting them.
- Looking to the community to become involved and volunteer to be substitute teachers if they have the time to do so. Folsom has had its struggles finding coverage.
- Tim Maxham asked about the increase to school lunches, and Principal Badeau reported that there is a federal restriction on raising costs more than \$0.10 a year on student lunches. Lunches will go up \$0.10/year until costs are compliant. No such restrictions on adult lunches and so those costs did go up as planned.

Board Discussion:

- FY18 Budget
 - Lynn Carpenter reviewed projections.
 - Board members asked Lynn Carpenter about the surplus for this year and how that came to be. She said she would get back to the Board, did not have the breakdown in front of her only a note that it was a result of good budgeting and strict adherence. Beth Hemingway suspected it was possibly due to special education costs, as several students moved out of the district.
 - The Board asked about the food service budget, as it has never been fully explained, and Dave Cain noted that nothing was budgeted for FY16. Ms. Carpenter explained it's a separate enterprise fund that is supposed to be, in theory, self-sustaining. Most schools make a "food service transfer fund" to cover costs.
 - The Board invited Principal Badeau to present more "wish list" items, which were as follows:
 - Increased after school bussing to bring services to where they were in prior years and budget for one more sports bus run.
 - Board increased Sports Bus budget by \$200.
 - Make the Food Service Manager and Home-School Coordinator position salaried.
 - Make both French and Art teachers full-time in their positions, in order to meet Education Quality Standards.

Board Action:

- RJ Sweeney made motion to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dave Cain made motion to approve minutes for 12/1/2016. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made a motion to allow Anna and Emma Sabourin to make the girls' locker room look lovely. Motion passed unanimously.
- RJ Sweeney made a motion to go into executive session at 8:34, motion passed unanimously.
- Dave Cain made a motion to approve the following statement and abide by its decision: "The Board heard request to allow nonresidential students to attend Folsom tuition-free. Board decided to not make an exception in this case and deny the request. Students

may attend at the tuitioned rate." This motion will be communicated. Motion passed unanimously.

- Kris Bowser made a motion to sign the budget warning: "Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,710,797 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,474 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.81% higher than spending for the current year." Motion passed unanimously

Executive Session: Entered at 8:34 p.m.. Exited at 9:28p.m..

Board Correspondence/Sharing: none

Follow-up/Old Business: none

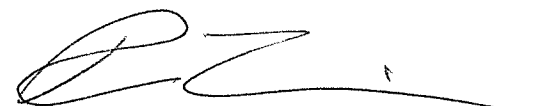
Meeting officially adjourned at 9:33 p.m..

Next meeting will be Jan 19, 2016 at 6:00p.m. Folsom Education and Community Center

Kris Bowser



RJ Sweeney



Dave Cain



Bentley Vaughan