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**Minutes for the Friday, July 29, 2016 South Hero School Board Special Meeting
At Folsom Education & Community Center**

In Attendance: Kris Bowser, Board Chair; Board Members Dave Cain, Bernie Toth; Principal Lenny Badeau; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; Community members Ethelyn Dubuque, Everett Dubuque, Pabel Merrihew, Cathie Merrihew, Maya Jensen, Fred Heslop, Bill Banas, Kari Banas, Chad Pidgeon, Nicole Vaughan and Robert Forenzer.

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

Adjustment of Agenda: none

Public Comments: *The Board limited public comments to 10 minutes, due to the fact that this was to be a working meeting and was a special meeting called to officially motion to send out a town wide mailer before the August 9, 2016 non-binding referendum.*

Community members voiced their discontent with that restriction, as well as the fact that the Board had not accepted community input on the mailer they were sending out. Community members accused the Board of bias, and were upset that Board Member Bentley Vaughan was only included on the email of the mailer, but not of the meeting, though that oversight was corrected when the Board realized he was not included. Kris Bowser spoke with Attorney Emily Simmons at the Vermont School Board Association and was advised that under Open Meeting Law the meeting could proceed with any action taken at this meeting requiring a second ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Board Discussion:

- Review contents of town mailer to be sent out on August 3, 2016 to all residents of the town of South Hero: Dave Cain asked if Kris Bowser knew how much the mailer would cost just for the three Board members to put it out on behalf of themselves instead of having it come from the Board. Due to the procedural irregularities of the meeting he suggested sending a communication as individuals instead of as a Board.

Board Action:

- Dave Cain made the motion to adjourn, Bernie Toth accepted, Meeting adjourned at 6:16p.m..

Meeting officially adjourned at 6:16p.m.

August 4th, 2016 regularly scheduled Board Meeting has been canceled due to lack of quorum. No August meeting has been scheduled at this time.