

North Hero School Board
Tuesday, February 02, 2016
at North Hero School 6:00 p.m. (108)

Minutes approved on 2/2/16
Andrew Julow [Signature]
Bridget Timms _____
Judith Wimble [Signature]
Jennifer Gariety [Signature]
Dave Davis [Signature]

In Attendance: School Board - Andrew Julow/Dave Davis/Judith Wimble/Jennifer Gariety
and Bridget Timms

Administration: Superintendent Barbara Burrington
Business Manager – Lynn Carpenter
Principal Joe Resteghini

Board Secretary: Jo-Ann Tier

Presenter: Kacie Aubin

Guest: Parents = Andre Quintin (a. 6:15), Marisa Ward (a. 7:06), and Nathan Fiske

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Julow at 6:03 p.m. with Andrew extending a “Happy Groundhog Day” to all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Andrew Julow.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Presenter: Kacie Aubin

Board Discussion/Action..... Budget to Actuals LC

.... Contract with the Abbey LC

.... Department of Health - NHS.. Point of Distribution AJ

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR.. January 5, 2016 and January 19, 2016

January 05, 2016

Dave Davis made a motion to approve the January 05, 2016 as read.

This motion was seconded by Bridget Timms... hearing no further discussion..

this motion was carried 5-0.

January 19, 2016

Minutes will be distributed to the Board, by Andrew Julow, and placed on the March 07, 2016 Board Meeting agenda for adoption.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments, at this time, in the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following Superintendent's Report was shared -

Board Chairs

The resignation of Elaine Pentelari, the GISU Director of Curriculum and Assessment, effective February 01, 2016 was discussed.

The hiring process will be on the March 23, 2016 GISU Board Meeting agenda for discussion and planning.

Curriculum Assessment and Instruction

The leadership teams continue with their work to prioritize standards and developing proficiency scales.

Professional development opportunities continue to be offered to teachers.

We are preparing for the administration of our SBAC testing in grades 3 – 8 across all schools this spring.

ACT 46

The house met in a middle of the night session on Saturday... at 12:01 a.m., with little debate, the members voted 92-32 to concur with the Senate's proposal of further amendment to S.233. The Governor signed this bill on Saturday.

The FY2016 per pupil figure is \$14,094.73.

A map of Act 46 activities across Vermont, as of January 27, 2016 was reviewed.... Act 46 is not going away

.... 11 votes already for consolidation

.... Efficiencies do exist

.... Etc.

Special Education

A new Speech and Language Pathologist, Carissa Hallam to the SU.

Carissa started her new position at Grand Isle School on February 3rd, 2016.

She has over eight years of experience in school based settings and extensive experience across all areas of speech and language acquisition, assessment and communication and treatment.

Special Education News

The 2016 Legislative priorities were referenced.

Preschool.. Act 166

Full implementation starts July 01, 2016. Local policies will need to be updated to reflect the new rules.

SWIFT

Individual schools are working on continued improvement in their Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Systems..

BUSINESS OFFICE

Lynn Carpenter created a "Budget Cheat Sheet" for general budget information and questions... FY2017 for the five schools in the GISU.

Lynn was complimented by the North Hero School Board for her work that she has been doing.

Note: a copy of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the minutes given to the Town Clerk's Office.

KACIE AUBIN

Kacie shared with the Board the data project that she is working on in her Vermont Mathematics Initiative Master's Program.

Kacie has done an analysis with our baseline screening academic data which she shared the results with the Board

The Board thanked Kacie for being a part of their Board Meeting this evening.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Today is the 100th day of school
- 1st and second graders are focusing on non-fiction writing
- Cheerleading team will travel to South Burlington this Saturday.
- Ski Program... 5th and final trip to Titus Mountain this Friday
- Starbase Program concluded today.
- February 11th ... Iron Chef cooking challenge
- February 12th ... Parent Night out hosted by Eagle Care 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Letter from Justin Bissonette - p.e. teacher.. re: FMLA leave of absence was distributed to each Board member. Board agreed there was not a need for a response to the letter.

Note: A copy of the Principal's Report attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk's Office.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Act 46

Chair Andrew shared that at the January meeting some parents from South Hero were in attendance and were not in favor to send out their 7th and 8th grade students.

South Hero is currently exploring other alternatives... future update will be given on their progress.

Meetings are scheduled for February 16th and the 23rd.

Budget Mailer

A draft was circulated to the Board for their review.... The following notations were taken...

- Change in punctuations
- Insert info.. that Eagle Care will be available
- Insert... **Tuesday**, March 1, 2016
- Insert.. **Monday**, February 29, 2016
- Move wording.. Informational Meeting, etc... to the bottom

Meeting Schedule

March Meeting to be scheduled for Monday, March 7 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Abbey Contract

David Crawford currently working on a contract with The Abbey for the remainder of the school year.

Lynn Carpenter is requesting that the Board give her approval to approve this contract for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. The Board will not be obligated to continue on for 2016-2017 if they did not want to.

The importance of having a contract in place as soon as possible for this school year was referenced.

Department of Health

The Department of Health is requesting to meet with Chair Andrew Julow to review the "memorandum of Understanding Point of Distribution (POD) Site" between the Vermont Department of Health and North Hero Elementary School.

A review took place

- the facility agreement.. i.e. office space, etc.
- three (3) Board Members to be a designated as a contact person

Discussion... Board questioned.. why North Hero School... the facility is small. why not Grand Isle School... more centrally located, etc.

Budget-to-Actual (January)

A review took place for the following lines:

- line 17 tuition high school – In State Nets to a savings of \$6,983.00
- line 18 tuition-out of state - over-spent by \$22,220.30 - two new students
- line 19 tuition-in state – over budget by \$1,797 – payment to Compass School
- line 34 PreK Aide salary over budget by \$2,055.31
- line 71 Student Activities.. no budget.. money will have to be transferred in and/or the expenditures to that line will have to be moved to another line.
- line 138 Principal Service-salary has a surplus of \$9,180.48
- line 139 Secretary Salary .. over budget by \$1,499.66
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A short discussion took place with compliments being given to Lynn Carpenter for her reports that have been coming to the Board.

Note: copy of the report given to the Board by Lynn Carpenter is attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk's Office.

TV visit (budget information)

The date was set for Tuesday, February 8th ... in attendance will be Chair Andrew Julow, Joe Resteghini and Judith Wimble.

BOARD ACTION

Abbey Contract

Dave Davis made a motion that the Board approve Lynn Carpenter to sign the contract with The Abbey for the remainder of this school year once David Crawford has prepared it. This motion as seconded by Bridget Timms.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Approval of Bills for Payment

The invoices were reviewed.. a question arose as to why was the Water Bill late in payment and also noted was the interest charge.

A short discussion took place... The Board agreed to pay the Water Bill with the interest included.

Lynn Carpenter stated she would check into why the bill was not paid on time.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to approve the warrant of \$47,895.51. This motion was seconded by Bridget Timms.. hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 5-0.

Note: Chair Andrew stated that the Water Board should be informed that we have 60 plus students at this time... for ERU information.

Department of Health

Dave Davis made a motion that Chair Andrew Julow meet with the Department of Health to sign the memorandum of understanding.. this motion was seconded by Bridget Timms... hearing no further discussion this motion was carried with a vote of 4-0
Jennifer Gariety abstained from voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed this evening

AGENDA BUILDING

The Board set the March meeting for Monday, March 7th starting at 6:30 p.m.

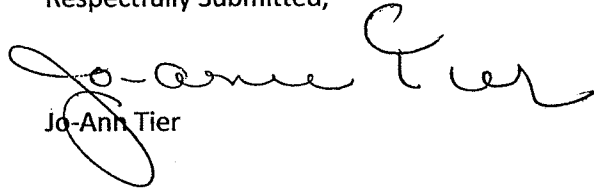
Agenda Item suggested.....

Board Discussion.... Special Education actual cost

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This motion was seconded by Dave Davis.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo-Ann Tier

- C: School Board Andrew/Bridget/Judith/Dave/Jennifer
- Central Office
- Town Clerk's Office
- Town Web Page
- Principal Resteghini
- File