

North Hero School Board Meeting
Tuesday.... December 01, 2015
At North Hero School
5:00 P.M.

Minutes approved on 1/5/16
Andrew Julow _____
Judith Wimble _____
Dave Davis _____
Jennifer Gariety _____
Bridget Timms _____

IN ATTENDANCE - School Board: Andrew Julow/Judith Wimble/Dave Davis/Jennifer Gariety (a. 7:11)
and Bridget Timms

Administration: Superintendent Barbara Burrington
Business Manager Lynn Carpenter
Principal Joseph Resteghini

Board Secretary: Jo-Ann Tier

Guest: Corinn Julow

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Julow at 5:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Andrew Julow.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Executive Session - Personnel Matter AJ

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ... November 10, 2015

Dave Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of November 10th as read.

This motion was seconded by Judith Wimble.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

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

No comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Burrington reviewed her December Report with the Board

Celebrations

- Linda Norris marking her 50th anniversary serving the GISU.
- Innovation Grant for GISU has been awarded

Board Chairs

Reviewed the information ... "Confirmation of Compliance with Transportation Consolidation" with the Board. The efficiency of transportation services must be evaluated from the perspective of the SU as a whole, and not from the perspective of

individual districts.

The Agency will enforce Act 153 in part, through close monitoring of the state level reimbursement for local transportation expenditures.

The responsibility for paying for transportation services resides with the SU.

Note: Starting 2016.2017 payment for the NH transportation will be made out of the SU Office.

Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction: a three year plan for GISU

A short review took place on the curriculum, assessment and the Common Core Education Quality Review....

Board was encouraged to get more information go to <http://education.vermont.gov/education-quality-review#resources>.

Preschool:

The FY17 Pre-K tuition rate to approved providers has been set by the AOE at \$3,092.00.

Business Office

- 5% increase has been recommended for transportation assessment.
- Etc.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Resteghini distributed his December Principal's Report.

He asked the Board to note that he is asking for a "re-look" on 2 items that was discussed at the November Meeting.

Support around an instrumental music program.

Figures – based on \$100 per day... \$2,000.00 not previously anticipated in the budget.

This figure would support instrument lessons for students in grades 4,5 and 6.

Approximately 16 students would take part in lessons on a variety of instruments.

A copy of Kara's schedule and a future instrument schedule was given to the Board.

A discussion followed....

Judith Wimble made a motion that the Board approve the request for \$2,000.00

from the 2015-2016 budget and that the \$2,000.00 is to be divided equally in

the number of payroll periods for the remaining of the year.

This motion was seconded by Dave Davis.

Hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Stipend for the preschool teacher

A stipend of \$100.00 a month was discussed....

Distributed to the Board was a information on " Time for Teaching Strategies Gold" and a copy of the "Family Conference Form".

A discussion followed.. suggestions were given for alternatives , by the Board and Administration, to Principal Resteghini.

No action was taken at this time by the Board on this request.

Budgetary... wish list for 2016-2017

- To increase our music program from its current fte of .2 to fte of .3.
- To increase pre-school teacher from .5 to .6.

Discussion

Board was in full agreement to increase the music program from fte of .2 to fte of .3 for the 2016-2017 school year. Increase figure will be put into the budget for next year - this evening - as the Board works on their budget.

To increase pre-school teacher from a .5 to a .6 school for the 2015-2016 school year was not approved by the Board this evening.

2016-2017 Student Roster

A copy of the anticipated student roster for the 2016-2017 school year was given to the Board for their information.

Student Survey

Principal Resteghini will report feedback from the students at the January meeting.

Bus discussion

Board asked that the time that the NH students are on the bus should be reduced.

Having students picked-up collectively at a stop was discussed.

Board encouraged that this be reviewed with the bus company and instituted the 1st of the year.

Principal Joe will have a discussion with the bus company and communicate with the families about the discussion with the Board this evening. Future agenda item.

Note: A copy of the Principal's December Report is attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk's Office. School roster not attached.

BOARD DISCUSSION

FY17 Budget

Line by line review took place... Line items that will be part of the GISU Budget will be reviewed at a later date... along with North Hero staffing.

Page 1...

- 001-1100-5334 will read as \$250.00- \$5,000.00 will be moved to 2100

Page 2

- OK

Page 3

- 001-1123-511-000-00 should read \$23,081.88 FICA, etc. adjusted

Page 4 Aide salaries part of NH budget

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- OK

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- Line 2100.... \$5,000.00 to be added

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- Line 355 .. 001-2150-5115.. will be in local funds (aides salary)

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- All GISU

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- OK

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- Suggestion to remove line 2310-5111
- 2310-5360 leave at zero at this time
- 2310-5370 going out bid
- 2320-5320..... a January discussion
- 2410-5113 ... figure should appear as \$21,528.03 (FICA, etc. adjusted)

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- 2410-5530 telephone service discussed.. leaving at \$1,200.00

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- 2600-5110 - changed to \$17,929.21 (FICA, etc. adjusted)
- 2600-5623 - propane changed to \$500.00

Superintendent asked for a future discussion (January meeting) to discuss the student ratio figures... with performances of the students being reviewed.

Also suggested by the Superintendent was for the Board to work on itemizing building needs for future budget purposes.

Act 46 Update

Chair Andrew gave a brief review of the South Hero Public Forum meeting....

i.e. secondary tuition.... Discussion to send out 6,7,8... K-6 here, etc.

Next meeting is at Grand Isle School, December 15th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Budget to Actuals

Budget to Actual info given to the Board along with a December School Board Report from Lynn Carpenter was distributed.

High School Tuitions ... line 17,18 and 19 were reviewed by Lynn.

Summary of HS Tuition as of 11/10/15 \$(51,391).

It look like we have a draft audit surplus .. general fund balance of \$14,878.

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

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Note: Board asked Lynn Carpenter for clarification on the mentor invoice.

Clarification was given to the Board by Lynn Carpenter.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion for the Board to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$41,898.33. This motion was seconded by Judith Wimble... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED

Judith Wimble made a motion to recess this meeting and to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter. This motion was seconded by Dave Davis... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Dave Davis made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene this meeting. This motion was seconded by Judith Wimble.... no discussion or opposition. this motion was carried.

Dave Davis made a motion to reimburse Paige Benedict \$500.00 for damage to equipment. This motion was seconded by Bridge Timms.. Jennifer Gariety motioned that the original motion be amended to add the phrase " not to set a precedent" at the end. This amendment carried 5-0 without further discussion.

No additional discussion was called for and the motion was amended... carried 5-0.

AGENDA BUILDING

January Board Meeting

Superintendent ... discussion on the student ratio figure, etc.?

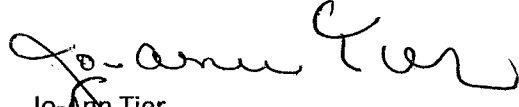
Board Discussion.... Board starting to itemize building needs..

Principal's Report.... feedback from the student survey

ADJOURN

Dave Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. This motion was seconded by Bridget Timms ... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo-Ann Tier

C: Board: Andrew/Judith/Dave/Jennifer/Bridget
Superintendent
Town Clerk's Office
North Hero Web Paige
Principal
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