

North Hero School Board
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
North Hero School room 108

Minutes of 7/7/15 approved on August 4, 2015
Andrew Julow [Signature]
Judith Wimble _____
Dave Davis [Signature]
Bridget Timms [Signature]
Jennifer Gariety _____

In Attendance

North Hero School Board: Andrew Julow, Judith Wimble, Dave Davis
Bridget Timms

Absent: Jennifer Gariety

Administration: Barbara Burrington, Superintendent

Joe Resteghini, Principal

Lynn Carpenter, Business Manager

Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Services

Board Secretary: Corinn Julow

Guests: *Began arriving at 6:50PM for the Act 46 Presentation:* Eric Arnzen, Jim Ross, Maia Skutel Jensen, Peter Gregg, Doug Patterson, Gretchen Patterson, Sandy Gregg, Melissa Lascelles, David Cain, Robin Lockerby, Jennie Lund, John Goodrich, Michael Stiles, Tim Maxham, Susan Davis, Teri Geney, Char & Bell Kennedy, Bart Wilcox, William Baron, Mitzi Johnson, Don Green

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Julow at 6:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Andrew Julow.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 8, 2015

Dave Davis made a motion to accept the June 8, 2015 minutes. Judith Wimble seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with no further discussion.

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

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

General Information:

No written report was distributed. Barbara states she would like to develop a consistent format for board reports across the five schools to create a template for future written reports. She shares the following talking points:

- A review of the activities of her first few days in the office.
- A retreat is planned on July 9th to discuss decision making, protocols and other discussion topics coded from a year's worth of administrative meeting notes.
- The Consolidated Federal Grant hasn't been submitted yet. There are corrective action steps that need to be taken based on the Federal Grant audit. Barbara offers to review the audit with any board member. The 21st Century Grant needs to be recreated for the past year before grant funding will be restored.
- There will be two more retreat days in August and SWIFT will be invited.
- Barbara states she has joined the Vermont Superintendent Association Leadership Academy which takes place once a month for the next year.
- Barbara requests an executive committee meeting to review her goals and discuss technology and its funding.
- Future items to work on are updating GISU policies, negotiations and consolidation of Special Ed staff.

Andrew asks the status of the 21st Century Program and Barbara reply she is not sure. It will take a while to decipher where monies should be allocated and who should get what back. She states no one is employed under the 21st Century Grant anymore.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Joe circulates a written report. *A copy of the report is attached to the minutes on file at the Town Clerk's Office.*

The Secretary of Education report indicates necessary updates to North Hero School Policies to include policies not in the current handbook, especially Bullying & Harassment. Joe recommends this discussion for a model policy be added to the August agenda.

Hiring Updates:

Joe reviews the status for the four open positions:

- ¾ Teacher: A contract for Mindy Ransom is pending the completion of a background check.
- Music: The position has been offered to Kara Krikorian. Brief discussion on instrument lessons follows. The plan is to offer them in the coming year as part of the after school program.
- Special Education: The board is informed the current special educator, Mrs. Young, declined her contract. There are currently 10 qualified applicants. Beth & Joe will hold interviews in August.
- Custodian: Joe is waiting for a response from an individual who held the position in the past.

Summer Information:

Joe informs the board he attended the BEST Institute and reviewed what he learned and hopes to incorporate into the coming school year.

Joe is creating a staff handbook.

The school is still collaborating with SWIFT.

Eagle Care has been running a summer program that will continue into the school year as the after school program.

The stove needs replacing and Joe discusses his options for replacing it with the board.

Dave Davis motions to sign a contract for Mindy Ransom pending a positive background check & fingerprinting process. Bridget Timms seconds and the motion passes 4-0 with no further discussion.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Signage Policy Discussion:

Andrew states that following inquiries about the signs posted by the PTYO on school grounds during the last school budget revote the board became aware the school grounds do not fall under the town policy for sign placement. There is concern about misuse of future signs being placed on school grounds. A joint policy has been proposed which takes the current town policy and adds the school. Andrew reviews the Pre-Election & Election Day Political Sign & Polling Place Policy with the board. Discussion on wording, how a joint policy works & what would happen without a policy follows.

This will be added to the August agenda as a first reading.

A copy of the policy is attached to the minutes on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

King Fund Transfer:

Andrew reviews the King Fund activities to date. A transfer to the FY15 general budget did not happen as planned. At this point the only course is to spend ahead on next year to offset the previous year deficit.

Discussion on year end budget status follows.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Line of Credit:

Andrew presents a tax anticipation note for \$100,000.00 at an interest rate of 0.95% from Peoples United Bank. This note is part of a loan agreement with the town requiring a second line of credit.

Dave Davis motions to sign the tax anticipation note. Judith Wimble seconds and the motion passes 4-0 with no further discussion. All present board members signs the note.

Act 46 Presentation

Andrew introduces Steve Dale, Executive Director of the Vermont School Board Association. Andrew states he asked Steve to give an overview of Act 46 and the steps required by the school boards to comply with the regulations as well as the resources available. This is an informational session only.

Steve gives a power point presentation. *A print out of the slides is attached to minutes on file at the Town Clerk's Office.*

Discussion follows.

BOARD ACTION

The board discusses bill approval and who needs to sign the bills before they become part of the warrant.

Approval of Bills for Payment:

FY15

The FairPoint invoice is removed for clarification of charges. Scotty's Taxi invoices are removed to request the invoice state the name to which the check will be made out to.

Judith Wimble motioned to approve the fiscal year 15 bills, minus the FairPoint & Scotty's Taxi invoices, in the amount of \$22,899.14. Dave Davis seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with no further discussion.

FY16

The Cannon invoice is removed as it is not on the warrant. Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta Dental and Vision Service Plan invoices are pulled as they include coverage for two past employees.

Judith Wimble motioned to approve the bills of fiscal year 16, minus Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta Dental, Vision Service Plan & Cannon, in the amount of \$54,846.59. Dave Davis seconds and the motion passes 4-0 with no further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED

Executive Session is not needed this evening.

AGENDA BUILDING

Next Meeting: August 4, 2015

- Bullying & Harassment Policy Discussion
- 1st Warning of the Pre-Election & Election Day Political Sign & Polling Place Policy
- Formation of an Act 46 Study Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Judith Wimble motioned to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Dave Davis seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with no further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corinn Julow

C: School Board Andrew/Jennifer/Bridget/Dave/Judith
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