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North Hero School Board
Wednesday, January 7, 2009
6:30 P.M. at North Hero School

In Attendance:

School Board:

School:

Shelly St. Hilaire (Chair)
Bennink (Principal)
Jennifer Gariety
Rose Cheeseman
Andrew Julow

GISU:

Richard Taylor (Superintendent)
Karen Groseclose (Business Manager)

North Hero

Joey

Jo-Ann Tier (Board Clerk) *not present*

Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Shelly St. Hilaire at 6:35

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair St. Hilaire

Adjustment of Agenda:

Board Discussion-Board Member discussion with a parent
Principal's Report-Lockers and principal certification classes

Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2008:

A motion was made by Rose Cheeseman to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety and carried without objection.

Principal's Report:

Website Programming-Students have been working on the school website and it is expected to be completed by the end of February

Lockers-Board had previously authorized the principal to spend up to \$1,000 dollars from the King Fund for 6th grade lockers. After pricing the lockers it was found that they will cost closer to \$1,500.

Jennifer Gariety moved that the principal be authorized to spend up to \$1,500 from the King Fund for lockers. The motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman and carried without objections

Principal Certification Classes-Joey will need to leave building early on class days to complete her principal's certificate.

Board Discussion:

School Report-Shelly St. Hilaire read the letter which will be placed in the town report. The board made suggestions and commended Shelly for her efforts.

Transportation Policy-Superintendent Taylor and George Nelson made a thorough review of the policy manual and presented their suggestions for policy updates. The board tabled discussion of this issue for one month.

School Security System-Dwayne Cormier presented a basic overview of the school security system and demonstrated arming and disarming the alarm for board members.

FY10 Budget-

Karen Groseclose presented revisions to the FY10 budget.

- Insurance Premiums are not expected to increase
- Firm tuition numbers have been obtained and updated in the budget
- Various smaller changes were presented (see attached)

Karen stated that with the budget current version the budget would be \$127,000 into the two vote requirement of Act 82 .

Principal Bennink presented a list of areas that could be cut from if necessary (see attached)

The board discussed various possibilities to reduce or eliminate including:

- Eliminating the Essex and Grand Isle Busses
- Eliminating or reducing transportation stipends
- Returning 7th grade education to the elementary school

The board requested that Karen present two new versions of the budget at the next meeting. One version that makes no cuts to transportation and another version that eliminates the Grand Isle and Essex busses and allows stipends for all displaced riders.

Andrew Julow made a motion to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety and carried without opposition

Jennifer Gariety made a moved to come out of Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire and carried without opposition

No action was taken

Board Action:

Rose Cheesman shared a conversation she had with a parent who shared their concerns that:

- Their child had had the same teacher for multiple years
- Their child had not received the attention that they deserved

Jennifer Gariety moved that the board go into Executive Session to discuss a student matter. The motion was seconded by Rose Cheesman and carried without opposition.

Rose Cheesman moved to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety and carried without opposition.

No action was taken

Rose Cheesman moved to approve bills in the amount of \$44,60.37. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety and carried without opposition

A motion was made by Jennifer Gariety to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Andrew Julow and carried without opposition

Time of adjournment 9:58