

North Hero School Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2009
6:00 P.M. North Hero School, North Hero, VT Gym

In Attendance: School Board – Seth Chastenay
Jennifer Gariety and
Shelly St. Hilaire
Superintendent - Richard Taylor
Principal - Joey Bennik
South Hero School Board - Bill Chiori
Beth Button
Matthew Altadonna
South Hero Principal - Michael Freed-Thall
Guests Jennifer Kinney

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelly St. Hilaire at 6:10

Board Business

Bill Chiori introduced the South Hero School Board and Michael Freed-Thall.

Micheal Freed-Thall gave a power point presentation about the South Hero Folsom School.

- Different programs, enrichment activities, as well as Curricular environment, Parent involvement, traditions and Heros.
- Bully free environment
- 8th graders give presentations
- Algrebra and nath programs
- French is K-8, k-6 2x/week, 7-8 5x/week
- Cultural exchanges, cross grade activities
- Kindergarten is full day.
- Average class size would be 15
- Community library and how it is handled.
- 4 Drills a year for lockdown senarios
- They have a tech/computer lab – 14 PCs
- 7/8 also has a computer lab- 14 PCs
- Music program 1x /week + band/chorus.
- Art is 2x per week
- PE, art and music teachers also teach reading 1x/week
- School nurse 1x/week, nurse assistant the other 4x/week
- They have a bus monitor.

Discussion on possible tuition costs:

- Currently thinking \$9500-10500 inc. bussing per student.
- This would be approx 10 to 15c ent reduction in tax rate.
- This is if North Hero students are designated.
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Other items to consider for consolidation

- Board representation – ex-officio
- When do we want the process done? NH stated that a goal would be to have a decision by Aug 5th. A potential vote by the town could be in November.

- Bussing and after school programs were discussed, no solutions on how this world work yet, distance and timing are issues.

The next North Hero School Board meeting is July 1.

The next North Hero / South Hero school board meeting is July 13, at South hero Folsom School, at 6:30 PM.

Other North Hero School Board business:

- Parents of a potential Kindergartner asked if their daughter can be allowed to start this year, despite missing the cut off but 20 days.
- Shelly made a motion to have Joey meet and assess the child to see if she should be admitted early or not. Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.
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Shelly made a motion to go into executive session at 8:50 PM, Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.

Seth made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:57 PM, Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.

No action taken, Shelly will call a meeting for June 10, after 6th grade graduation, after the voting results are in.

Seth made a motion to adjourn at 9:00, Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.

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