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**North Hero School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2008
at North Hero School 6:30 P.M.**

**In attendance: School Board: Shelly St. Hilaire, Jennifer Gariety
Rose Cheeseman**

**Superintendent: Richard Taylor 1 6:50 P.M.
Principal: Joey Bennink
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Guest: The following signed the guest list:
Louise Guillette, Dwayne Cormier,
Mary Dupont and Colleen Shaw**

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent Taylor

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Board Action

**... Approval of minutes for June 04, 2008
... 2 contracts need to be signed (EEE)**

Minutes of June 04, 2008

**Rose Cheeseman made a motion that the minutes of June 04, 2008
be signed as presented.. this motion was by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing
no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.**

Contracts

**Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the contracts for
Diane David Healey and Nancy Barrett (EEE) be signed by the
North Hero Board... this motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman..
hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.**

Approval of Minutes of July 30, 2008

Minutes were tabled until the next Board Meeting

Comments & Questions From the Public Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Nothing noted at this time.

Board Discussion

Essex School Bus

Chair Shelly St. Hilaire acknowledge the receipt for the documentation “North Hero Parents for Safe Busing” received at the North Hero School on August 14, 2008 at 10:58 a.m.

Note: said documentation was mailed on August 14, 2008 to each School Board Commissioner.

Read by Chair was Page 86 of the North Hero Town Report 2005 – “Voted to authorize the North Hero School Board to provide high school students residing in the Town of North Hero, transportation (including bus and driver) to and from North Hero to Essex Junction High School.”

Parents in attendance verbally expressed.....

- ... this is a safety issue
- ... money is in the budget with a 49% reimbursement
- ... unfair policy.. grade 7/8 students going to Grand Isle ride the bus and are picked-up and dropped off at their homes
- ... number of students at Blockhouse Point
- ... students being treated same way.. fairness for all
- ... every child must be treated as fairly as possible
- ... students are arriving ½ hour early at A D Lawton
- ... board urged to pick-up and drop-off at each student’s home as money in the budget to do so.
- ... Board was asked to respond to everyone that signed the letter. (per stated in the letter)

Board ...expressed..

- ... bringing back this issue to the taxpayers for a re-vote.. vote originally was only for high school students
- ... opening up the transportation to other communities

Parents were thanked for coming to the meeting this evening.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to amend the previous vote for Essex

students and to have four (4) regional pick-up stops for the North Hero students in the morning... Harborside Market – North Hero School – Hero’s Welcome and Knights Point.

And, that the students are to be taken to their homes in the afternoon for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Jennifer Gairety made a motion

=that the bus company is to have the North Hero students arriving no earlier than... at A.D. Lawton 7:35 and at Essex High School at 7:45 A.M. and,

= should the bus driver live in North Hero and he/she will not be driving the bus on any given day.. and said driver has children who ride this Essex bus – the children are to be picked-up at one of the four (4) stops in the morning.

This motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Discussion continued and Board agreed it was time to have the school attorney review past and present decisions pertaining to transportation that have been made and to share any recommendations with the Board.

Shelly will contact Superintendent Taylor for his assistance in contacting Attorney Chris Leopold.

Letter to parents will not be sent out with the Boards decision this evening until legal counseling is received.

Building Repairs Status

Board agreed to tour the facility after the meeting.

Shelly shared with the Board that the new driveway to the school will be started Thursday, August 21, 2008.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Rose Cheeseman made a motion to authorize the payment for Account Payable Voucher Warrant created August 20, 2008 in

the amount of \$11,152.39. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

New Signatory Resolution of District Accounts

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Chair Shelly St. Hilaire sign the “Deposit Services Authorization” allowing the signature of Elizabeth Gallant, North Hero Treasurer/Town Clerk. This motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman .. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED

Not needed this evening

AGENDA BUILDING

Next meeting scheduled for September 03, 2008

ADJOURN

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. This was seconded by Rose Cheeseman.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jo-Ann Tier

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Superintendent
Principal
Town Clerk
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