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North Hero School Board
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
at North Hero School 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance: NH Board Seth Chastenay and Jennifer Gariety a. 6:40 P.M.
Note absent: Chair Shelly St. Hilaire (ill)
SH Board Bill Chiari, Matt Altadonna, Beth Button a 6:34
Diane Kline
Administration: George Nelson.. Project Director GISU
Joey Bennink NH Principal
VSBA: Winton Goodrich
Guest: Ethan Pearson, Tracy Pearson, Emma Pearson,
Andrew Julow, Dorothy Theriault
NH Auditor: Bart Wilcox

Call Meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Chiari for the South Hero Board at 6:00 P.M. and at 6:40 P.M. meeting was called to order by North Hero School Board Member, Seth Chastenay.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- **Debrief community breakfast/Finalize citizen question responses**
100 plus questions and/or comments were made. Said questions and/or comments have been posted on the web site.
These questions will be answered by the members of both boards and will not only appear on the web site –but will be circulated throughout the communities for the availability of the folks who do not have access to the web site.
Board (s) felt the importance of addressing every question.
It was noted that additional questions could be put directly onto the site.
- **North Hero finalize decision and planning for January community vote**
=Winston volunteered to work on any power point presentations for the Boards
=December 17th last day to warn a January vote in the town of North Hero.
Discussion.....
Jennifer Gariety made a motion that a letter with an attached questionnaire be sent to school parents for feedback. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay... motion carried 2-0. Jennifer Gariety will prepare said mailing and will circulate for Board approval.
=The step NH will soon be taking is to decide to warn for a vote.. date suggested

if they did decide to go forward is January 16th (Saturday) an Informational Meeting for North Hero with a vote to take place January 19th.
=Four (4) budgets will be prepared.

Comments/Question shared

- Questions generated by a North Hero Community group were presented to the NH board at their last meeting. These questions will also be posted to the web site and will be answered by the Board (s).
- Would the designation for NH be only for K-6 students? Response... for now grades 7 and 8 are not included.
- Lack of governance on the SH board for North Hero. Winston suggested ex-officio status for NH on the school board.

Weekly letters to the editor of The Islander

Discussion....

Boards agreed to alternately communicate with the public with topics addressed at the breakfast meetings. The following dates were signed-up for:

November 21	Diane Kline (Support for Learning)
November 28	Seth Chastenay
December 5	Matt Altadonna
December 12	Jennifer Gariety
December 17	Beth Button

Agenda Building

- Next joint meeting was scheduled for December 8th and will have to be tentatively cancelled.

Adjournment

Seth Chastenay made a motion to adjourn the NH meeting with the SH Board at 7:58 P.M. This was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: NH Board
Superintendent
Principal
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