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North Hero School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 03, 2008  
6:30 P.M. at North Hero School Gym

**In Attendance:**

School Board: Shelly St. Hilaire, Rose Cheeseman 6:45 P.M.  
Nicholas Kinney, Andrew Julow and Jennifer  
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Superintendent: Richard Taylor

Principal: absent due to family emergency

Business Manager: Karen Groseclose

Director of Student Support Services: Beth Hemingway

Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier

Town Clerk: Pete Johnson

Auditor: Bart Wilcox

Guest: Louise Guillette, Rita Douglas, Heather Luce  
Tina McKitty

**Call Meeting To Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair St. Hilaire at 6:31 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair St. Hilaire

**Adjustment of Agenda**

Due to Joey Bennink's absence.. the Principal's Report will not take place this evening.

**Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2008**

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to accept the minutes as read for November 12, 2008.. this motion was seconded by Andrew Julow.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

**Comments & Questions from the Public Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

No comments or questions at this time.

## Board Discussion

### Grand Isle County Clean Team . Heather Luce

Heather explained the purpose of the “Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey” which is done every 2 years and the benefits received as a result.

A copy of the 2007 Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey was given to the Board.

Note: Board asked Jo-Ann to make a copy for each Board Member and to attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Heather shared...

- Survey is done in February
- In January - she will have a copy of the 2009 Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey
- All other schools in the District will be participating
- Parents do have the opportunity to opt out of their child participating.
- Her willingness to attend another Board Meeting
- Her awareness that the Board voted not to participate in the 2007 survey.
- She has spoken with Joey Bennink and she favors the survey

Chair thanked Heather for taking the time to come to the Board Meeting and that she will be back in touch with her. She did ask Heather to send a copy of the 2009 Survey for Board review.

### FY10 Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Pass (Karen Groseclose)

Budget information were distributed to the Board....

A short review took place on the new computer software.

In the process of going through the budget the following was noted:

- Health care 2% increase
- Dental/vision/retirement.. same
- J. Bennink... 60% teacher 40% principal
- \$9,000.00 figure... math “bridge program”
- High school tuition down... 11 graduates 5 going to grade 7
- Field trips... all group together.. not separated by academics
- Principal’s Services = course reimb. up \$1,500.00
- Plant-grounds.... up \$2,300.00 chips needed for the playground
- Electricity... rates could be up 9% next year
- 2700 –5519 transportation contract up
- etc.

Board reminded Karen that line item 2310-5110 should be reduced.

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Board was asked what the cost per pupil will be for North Hero School.. Ans. information will be available for the Board in January.

Revenue page... when can that be expected for review... Ans. January

### Beth Hemingway.... Director of Student Support Services

Special Education/EEE budget reviewed..

Special Education budget ...decreased at this time =25.9%

Board thanked Karen and Beth for attending this meeting.

Demonstration of Alarm System

Chair asked that this be moved to the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will contact Dwayne Cormier to see if he is available to review the alarm system with the Board.

Board Action

Approval of Bills For Payment

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to ad the electricity invoice to the warrant this evening. Said invoice was received at the school this afternoon. (\$1,607.36) This motion was seconded by Andrew Julow.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the warrant in the amount of \$45,219.67 be processed for payment. This motion was seconded by Nicholas Kinney.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 5-0.

Sign 403 (b) Board Resolution

Said resolution was read by Chair St. Hilaire.. Jennifer Gariety made a motion that School Board Member Clerk (Andrew Julow) sign the 403 Board resolution in the needed spaces on behalf of the Board... this motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman.. hearing no further discussion -motion was carried 5-0.

School Board Letter for Town Report

Due date is Monday, January 12, 2009.. Shelly asked the Board to think about what they would like to see in the report this year and to bring their thoughts to the next Board Meeting so collectively a report can be put together.

Legal Postings for Agendas

Discussion for the various locations... Hero's Welcome and Harborside Market and also having the new Islander reporter put the agenda in her North Hero column. No motion was made on this discussion.

Executive Session

It was noted that the Executive Session on the agenda this evening re: personnel matter was the request of Joey Bennink. Superintendent Taylor asked that it be moved to the next meeting due to Joey being away.

## Other Board Business

### Auditor's Request

Bart Wilcox spoke with the Board about the many pages in the North Hero Town Report and one thing that could happen, with Board approval, is to have detail reports put on the Web Page.

Note: detail reports usually run 10 pages.

Board agreed to think about this request and to act upon it at their next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Town Office Open House

Town Clerk, Pete Johnson, informed the Board that an Open House will be held at the new Town Office on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M.

### GISU Meeting... December 15, 2008

Reminder of the GISU Meeting in Isle LaMotte Agenda item.... Budget approval and/or disapproval. Board felt the budget was not passed at the last meeting only because Boards wanted to look at their local budgets before a decision was made.

The following Board Members said they could attend this meeting: Jennifer Gariety, Rose Cheeseman, Andrew Julow and Shelly St. Hilaire.

### The Vermont School Board Resource Directory

Copies of The Vermont School Board Resource Directory were distributed by Superintendent Taylor.

Shelly spoke with the Board about the importance of respect for one another, listening, good decision, etc...

Board was asked to open to Tab 8 "School Board Conduct and Ethics". She asked that the Board, for homework, read this section and at the next meeting... the Board would take 20 minutes to discuss.

### Letter from North Hero Parent... re: Essex School Bus

Parent requested that their child be dropped off in South Hero as the child is being tutored.

Discussion...

Rose Cheeseman made a motion that this child be allowed to be dropped-off in South Hero for educational purpose. This motion was seconded by Andrew Julow.. hearing no further discussion... the following Board spoke in favor of this motion: Nicholas Kinney/Andrew Julow/Shelly St. Hilaire and Rose Cheeseman. Opposed – Jennifer Gariety.

Board asked Superintendent Taylor to prepare a policy to be adopted based on the motion passed. Superintendent Taylor said he would have something for the next Board Meeting.

## Agenda Building

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. Date was changed due to the Holiday Concert that has been scheduled

for Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Under Board Discussion**

- Instruction of Alarm System

**Under Board Action**

- Town Report.. detail report on the Web Page
- Town Report.. School Board Report
- Policy...Essex Bus Rider being dropped off in South Hero for educational purposes

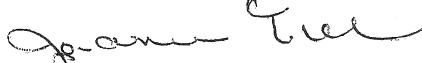
**Executive Session**

- Personnel Matter

**Adjournment**

Rose Cheeseman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Nicholas Kinney... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo-Ann Tier

**C: School Board Shelly/Nicholas/Rose/Jennifer/Andrew  
Superintendent Taylor  
Principal Bennink  
Town Clerk, Pete Johnson  
Web Page  
File**