

Draft

North Hero School Board Meeting
Thursday... December 17, 2009 7:00 P.M.
at North Hero School

In Attendance: School Board - Shelly St. Hilaire and Seth Chastenay
Absent: J. Gariety (ill)
Superintendent Taylor
Principal Bennink
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Guest: Bridget Campbell
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair St. Hilaire at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair St. Hilaire

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes... add: October 05, 2009 and December 08, 2009
- Board Action..... add One (1) year contract for the Learning Adventure and the Champlain Island Parent Child Center
.....Superintendent Taylor
- Correspondence/Sharing...add Communication from the State of Vermont – the Department of Taxes ...S. St. Hilaire.. mailing received at this meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 05, 2009

Seth Chastenay distributed a copy of these minutes to the Chair.
Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to accept the minutes of October 05, 2009 as written. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

December 03, 2009

Discussion.....

It was noted that the following should be included as part of the minutes.. when the Board came out of Executive Session for a personnel matter with no action taken... they went into Executive Session again

at the request of Auditor – Bart Wilcox for a personnel matter. Mr. Wilcox asked that only the Board be in attendance.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to continue to recess the Board Meeting and to go into Executive Session, again, due to a personnel matter. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Seth Chastenay made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the meeting. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Note: It was noted by Chair St. Hilaire that the action taken following this Executive Session discussion was the forwarding to the Town Clerk's Office, by the GISU Office, their budget information.

December 08, 2009 (joint meeting with South Hero)

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to accept the minutes of December 08, 2009.. this motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion This motion was carried 2-0.

December 11, 2009

Seth Chastenay made a motion that the minutes of December 11, 2009 be accepted as written. This motion was carried by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion – this motion was carried 2-0.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PBULIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair asked... no one had any comment, at this time, in the meeting

BOARD DISCUSSION

FY2011 Budget

Karen Groseclose distributed draft budget information for Board review.

Discussion centered around –

- Earnings from investments
- Medicaid
- Title I Offsetting
- GISU – Curriculum rent
- Municipal Use of Space/Lease

- Small School Grant monies
- Etc.

Superintendent shared that only the following Grand Isle Communities receive Small School Grant monies.. SH, IL and NH

Should the Board decide on planning for full replacement for no Small School Grant monies – portion and/or to eliminate should be decided in this process of the budget preparation.

Suggestion was made to perhaps put in for a 1/3 amount for this upcoming year. Legislative approval may or may not rule a final decision in 2010 and if they did it could be after the budget has been approved by the Board for voter approval or disapproval.

CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) was reviewed with the Board by Karen
 Note: Information distributed (single sheet) attached to Town Clerk's Copy

The following was also distributed for Board information -

- Secondary Tuition Analysis (at this time) final figures from the various District are coming in
- Draft Tuition Budget
- Summary Budget.. by Category

The proposed Expense Budget.. version 1 was distributed..

Discussion centered around the 3100 Food Service (001-3100=5320-000-00 School Lunch Contract Subsidy... in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Karen explained that this amount came about when grades 7 and 8 had school choice and The Abby requested monies...

From this point questions and discussion surfaced on.....

- Do we have to provide a school lunch? Ans. no
- The availability of the free/reduce price school meals was briefly discussed.
- What percentage of children are on free and/or reduced? Ans. around 24%
- Can the public have info on what monies are taken in and given to The Abbey ? Ans, yes.

It was noted at this time that the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel part of the upcoming budget for next year.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the warrant in the amount of \$130,927.05 be signed by the Board... This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

One (1) year contracts for the Champlain Islands Parent Child Center and the Learning Adventure

Reviewed by Superintendent Taylor

Seth Chastenay made a motion that the Board authorize the Chair, Shelly St. Hilaire to sign the one (1) year contracts for the Champlain Islands Parent Child Center and the Learning Adventure. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried.

Note: Copy of signed contract attached to the copy sent to the Town Clerk's office for filing.

CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING

State of Vermont – Department of Taxes – letter received 12.17.09

Division of Property Valuation and Review Certified Equalized Property Value (effective 1/1/2010):

Equalized Education Property Value:	\$322,374,000
Coefficient of Dispersion:	19.90%

The equalized education property value is the sum of:

- 1) the aggregate fair market value of all non-residential and homestead property required to be listed at fair market value;
- 2) the aggregate use value of all property enrolled in use value appraisal;
- 3) the aggregate value of property established under a local agreement in accord with 32 V.S.A. §5404a.

Additional study results include:

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$2,670,158
Equalized Education Grand List:	\$3,223,740
Common Level of Appraisal	82.83%

Note: copy of said communication attached to copies of all minutes distributed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seth Chastenay made a motion to recess this meeting and to get into Executive Session to discuss the personnel portion of the draft budget. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to come out of Executive Session with no action to be taken at this time and to reconvene the meeting. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

No other business at this time of the meeting

AGENDA BUILDING

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 06, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Seth Chastenay made a motion to adjourn the meeting... this being seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: Jennifer/Shelly/Seth
Superintendent Taylor
Principal Bennink
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