

Draft

**North Hero School Board
Meeting.. Thursday.. December 18, 2008
7:00 P.M. at North Hero School**

**In Attendance: School Board - Shelly St. Hilaire/Nicholas Kinney/Andrew
Julow/Jennifer Gariety and Rose Cheeseman**

**Superintendent: Richard Taylor
Principal: Joey Bennink
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Business Manager: Karen Groseclose**

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair St. Hilaire

Adjustment of Agenda

**Principal's Report.. Snow Shoes
Board Discussion.... Holiday Concert
.... Town Report
Superintendent Report.... Alert Now**

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2008

Nicholas Kinney made a motion to approve the minutes of December 03, 2008. This motion as seconded by Rose Cheeseman.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Principal's Report

Computer Updates

**Keith Darby working with students after school building the first official North Hero School Web Site...
If the Board has any ideas of what they would like to see on the site... please pass the information on.**

DCF Training

**Two local representatives came ... notebook training..
All school employees are mandated reporters.**

Superintendent shared with the Board that the employees would be reporting “suspected” information.

Superintendent’s Report

AlertNow

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board that “AlertNow” is in place for Grand Isle County.

Board Discussion

School Security System (Dwayne Cormier)

Dwayne unable to make this meeting due to another commitment. Reviewing the school security system will be a future agenda item.

Website

Discussion in reference to the request of Bart Wilcox to put supporting data on the web page rather than in the Town Report..

Board shared that not everyone has a computer.... and some folks do go through the Town Report page by page. Chair asked for the opinion of each School Board Member... each express their decision to have all information appear in the Town Report and on the website for the North Hero School budget.

FY10 Budget

Revenue figures available are preliminary numbers. North Hero could fall into a 2 vote situation... some changes on line items...

... Board stipends

... GISU Assessment

2 –1 was explained by Superintendent Taylor..

Encouragement was given to contact legislative people..

Next two meetings will be budget as the main focus.

Chair asked the Board to please review the budget and to recommend areas which should be studied more closely.

Chair stated she would be looking closely in the monies appropriated for transportation and maintenance... budget; a future agenda item..

Legal Posting Adoption

Discussion.....

Nicholas Kinney made a motion for the legal posting to be in the following areas: North Hero School/North Hero Town Clerk's Office and GISU Office. This motion was seconded by Andrew Julow.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 5-0.

It was the agreement of the Board that direction could be given for posting at Harborside Market and Hero's Welcome and on the North Hero Town Web Site.

Shelly St. Hilaire will contact The Islander reporter to ask that the names of the North Hero School Board to appear under the North Hero News and to encourage the community to phone with any concern questions that they may have.

The Board expressed their interest to have the Town Budget Informational Meeting on a Saturday and not a week day. Shelly St. Hilaire will be in touch with Town Clerk Pete Johnson to share the Boards preference and will report back to the Board.

Bus Stops for School Related Programs

Superintendent Taylor informed the Board that the policy they asked to be drafted by him is yet to be done. Late January and/or February a draft copy will be given to them.

Tab 8 "School Board Resource Directory"

Tab 8.. School Board Conduct and Ethics...

Superintendent Taylor spoke with the Board in reference to:

- VSBA can help if it the desire of the Board
- "Conflict of Interest".... when to step back
- effective boards.....
- to be disagreeable and agreeable

Superintendent Taylor offered to work with the Board in the "building of a team".

Board agreed to have Superintendent Taylor contact Mr. Goodrich from the VSBA to see if he would be available to to attend a Board Meeting to talk with the Board about various aspects of Tab 8.

Board talked about having ...

- a high school student on the Board

- question was asked when will the negotiation with the teachers be started again
- etc.

Grand Isle Bus Issue

Reference was made to the situation that did take place... North Hero students left at Grand Isle ... Superintendent Taylor reported this situation was discussed with administration, parents, and the bus company.

The Grand Isle Survey for Kids

Discussion....

Chair asked each Board Member to express their opinion on this survey being given to the Grade 6 North Hero students... Nicholas Kinney made a motion that North Hero School not Participate in the February 2009 Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey.. this motion was seconded by Andrew Julow.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.. 4 – 0. Note: Shelly St. Hilaire voted in favor.

School Board Draft for Town Report

Discussion... what could be a part of this report.

- new Board members
- school construction this year
- Town Offices
- Board working on improving communications
- Students working on a web site

Chair Shelly St. Hilaire will work on the draft and have it ready for Board review at their next meeting. It was noted that the deadline for inclusion is Monday, January 12, 2009.

Board Action

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the warrant presented this evening in the amount of \$136,758.01 be paid. This motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Other Board Business

**Discussion... Holiday Concert and attendance at the
Holiday Concert.**

Executive Session

**Rose Chesseman made a motion to recess the meeting and to
go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. This motion
was seconded by Nicholas Kinney... hearing no further discussion
this motion was carried 5-0.**

**Andrew Julow made a motion to come out of Executive Session
and to reconvene the meeting with no Board action to be taken.
This motion was seconded by Rose Cheeseman.. hearing no further
discussion... this motion was carried.**

Agenda Building

January.. Board Meeting

Board Discussion: School Security System

**Board Discussion/Action: Policy – bus Stops for School
Related Programs
Draft Town Report**

Adjournment

**Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. This
was seconded by Rose Cheeseman hearing no further discussion this
motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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