

**Draft**

**North Hero School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 04, 2009  
6:30 P.M. North Hero School.. room 144**

**In Attendance: School Board – Seth Chastenay, Jennifer Gariety and Shelly St. Hilaire**

**Superintendent: Richard Taylor 6:40**

**Principal: Joey Bennink**

**Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier**

**Guest: Richard/Patricia Rose, Andrew Julow, Louise Guillette, Mary Dupont, Rose Cheeseman, Bart Wilcox and Nick Kinney and Kelly Poquette**

**VSBA Workshop Presenter: Mr. Winton Goodrich**

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Meeting was called to order by Principal Joey Bennink**

**Approval of Minutes of February 04, 2009**

**Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the minutes for February 04, 2009 be accepted as read. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.**

**Note: Seth Chastenay not on Board at the February meeting.**

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

**Comments and/or questions shared by the Board or others in attendance this evening..**

- **Concern for time for this School Board Meeting not being posted**
- **Where are the agenda (s) posted**  
**Ans. GISU Office/North Hero School/Town Clerk's Office**  
**Optional locations: Hero's Welcome/Harbordside Market**
- **Interest to have tuitions charge for all receiving schools**
- **The tuition cost to i.e. South Burlington is what for a student to attend that school? And, what is the extra cost for us – having that the bus sent to the Island?**
- **Colchester..... same question as for South Burlington?**
- **The need to have transportation broken out more..**
- **Transportation reimbursement from the State = is it 40%? 50%?**
- **What is the bus cost for the**  
**.... Essex Bus**

- .... The North Hero Elementary School
- .... Bus going to and from Grand Isle School
- What is the transportation reimbursement received from the State for the ... Essex Bus
  - ... The North Hero Elementary School
  - ... Bus being sent to and from Grand Isle School
- What is the student ratio teacher/student for all classes at North Hero School?
- What is the per pupil cost for the North Hero Elementary School student?
- Shelly St. Hilaire briefly spoke about the Future Committee Survey
- What would the cost be to bring back grades 7 and 8
- Discrimination ... transportation provided for some and not all.
- Is it not time to look into merging of Grand Isle County Schools?
- Provide for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting what the additional cost will be for teacher salaries, benefits, etc for the school year 2009-2010. Should teachers be asked to forgo increments, etc.. for 2009-2010. (Bart Wilcox)  
It was noted that the teachers are under a three year contract and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year is the upcoming year. Negotiations to come into play - fall of 2009.
- Question was asked... is there a timeframe that the Board has to work within to have a re-vote on the budget. Ans. There is no definite timeframe.. however.. the Boards will show a subsequent effort being put forward.

## Reorganization of Board

### Board Chair

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Shelly St. Hilaire continue on as Chair of the North Hero School Board. This was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

### Board Clerk

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Seth Chastenay act as the Board Clerk in the event that the Board Clerk hired to take minutes of their meeting is not present. This was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 2-0.

### Time/Date for Regular Meetings

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the time/date for Board Meetings be the first Wednesday of the month... starting at 6:30 P.M. at North Hero School. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

**Truant Officer**

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Shelly St. Hilaire serve as the Truant Officer.. this was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

**Committees**

The following committee assignments were agreed upon...

Policy Committee	Seth Chastenay
Negotiations	Shelly St. Hilaire and Jennifer Gariety
Personnel	Seth Chastenay
Executive	Shelly St. Hilairie
Curriculum	Jennifer Gariety and Shelly St. Hilaire

**Board Discussion**

• **Informational Meeting Follow-up**

Rose Cheeseman informed the Board that she will be participating.

Information Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 P.M.

Joey was asked to put notification for this meeting in the Newsletter with names and phones number of the Board. Also - to encourage anyone with questions to attend the meeting or phone the Board prior to the meeting so that questions that the Board cannot answer can be looked in to and can be answered at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Board Action**

• **Approval Bills for Payment**

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Voucher Warrant in the amount of \$49,372.38 be paid. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

**VSBA Workshop**

Started at 7:28 P.M. and ended at 9:12 P.M.

**Agenda Building**

**Special Board Meeting** scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2008 starting at 6:30 P.M.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> = School Board Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

**Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2009 and March 04, 2009**

**Adjournment**

**Jennifer Gariety made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jo-Ann Tier**

**C: School Board Seth Chastenay/Shelly St. Hilaire and Jennifer Gariety  
Superintendent Taylor  
Principal Bennink  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Pete Johnson  
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