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North Hero School Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 02, 2008
at North Hero School.. 7:00 P.M.

In Attendance: School Board: Paul Cheeseman, Jennifer Gariety,
Shelly St. Hilaire
Absent: Mario Guerrina
Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Administration: Richard Taylor, Superintendent
George Nelson a. 7:25
Karen Groseclose
Absent: Joey Bennink
Guest List: no guest at the meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Cheeseman at 7:04 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Adjustment of Agenda

Board Discussion - Mountain Transit Contract (60 days?) Jennifer Gariety
- Invoice from Jeffords Steel and Engineering Company
Principal's Reports - Dick Taylor

Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2007 and December 12, 2007

December 05, 2007

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the minutes for December 05, 2007 be accepted as read. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 3-0.

December 12, 2007

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the minutes for December 12, 2007 be accepted as read. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Comments and Questions From the Public Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

No guest in attendance this evening.

Principal's Report

Superintendent Taylor asked that the listed agenda items under the Principal's Report all be tabled until the next scheduled meeting due to the absence of Principal Bennink.

- **DRP Scores**
- **Daycare Handbooks**
- **Skating Rink**
- **Town Report Review**

Board Discussion

School Board Vacancy

As of this date – no written interest has been received by the Board. Board discussed asking voters to consider returning to a three man Board vs. the current five man Board. Having only 47 students at the school does not cause a strong need to have an increased Board. The savings of \$2,000.00 by reducing the numbers was noted along with the fact that there not a high level of interest and the fact that this is a small community to pool from.

Partial Building Lease

George Nelson reported that has been in contact with Attorney Joe Cahill. Attorney Cahill is in the process of working on lease agreement for both Boards to review. It was mentioned that the Board of Select are in the process of having Attorney Paul Gillies work on an agreement for them. Superintendent Taylor suggested to George Nelson that he inform Attorney Joe Cahill of this information incase he would like to discuss the agreement with Attorney Paul Gillies.

Discussion.....

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that should legal counsel like to meet with the Board that Paul Cheeseman represent the North Hero School Board. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire. Hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 3-0. Future Agenda Item.

Jefferds Steel and Engineering.

Invoice Number 000946112 in the amount of \$5,053.08 was distributed. Said invoice represents change of door locks for the following locations to

a number key - L-4. Rooms: 104,106,108,114,118,124,129, 138, 139 and 144. room 125 would be changed to a L4 (AA2). New door to the kitchen is yet to be installed... doors for room 138 and 139 are stored in the boiler room, at present. With the possible change in room design – installation will take place at another time.

Discussion...i.e. various motions that could be made.

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that a check in the full amount of the invoice (\$5,053.08) be prepared and that said check be sent to the school... once the work is completed and doors that are not working properly are checked = the check can be forwarded on by Jo-Ann Tier. this motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 3-0.

Jo-Ann Tier was asked to phone Jefferds Steel of this Board action this evening.

FY09 Budget

Mr. Nelson distributed budget information inserts that Board was instructed to place in their three ring notebooks for reference.

A review took place for:

- Summary by Category
- Pass 2 to Pass 1
- Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculations
.. numbers 16, 24 and 26.
- The per cent change of 6.8% was discussed

Discussion continued.....

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the Board approve the sum of \$1,745,586.00 for their 2008 – 2009 School Budget (a 6.8% per cent change). This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion – this motion was carried 3-0.

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the North Hero Town School District Warning for Hearing be prepared by George Nelson and that an Article be added for voter decision to return to a three man Board or to continue with a five man Board. This motion was seconded by Paul Cheeseman... hearing no further discussion.. all Board members agreed with this motion 3-0.

George Nelson shared with the Board that he would check with the Secretary of State for the proper wording for this article.

Mountain Transit Contract (60 days) Jennifer Gariety
Discussion not brought up by Chair Paul Cheeseman.

Board Action

Approval of bills for payment

Superintendent Taylor shared that due to no school in the District today, the warrant could not be prepared, however, if the Board could stop in to his office Thursday afternoon – the warrant should be ready at that time.

Discussion....

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that Jennifer Gariety sign the warrant for invoice payment for the Board. This motion was seconded by Paul Cheeseman.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3 -0.

Executive Session

Executive Session not needed this evening.

Other Board Business

Not needed this evening

Agenda Building

February 06, 2008

Board Discussion... lease update.... Paul Cheeseman

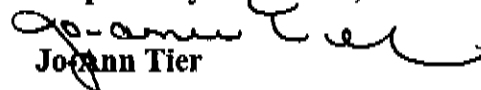
Principal's Report.. DRP Scores

- .. Daycare Handbooks
- .. Skating Rink
- .. Town Report Review

Adjourn

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joann Tier

C: School Board: Shelly, Paul, Jennifer, Mario
Superintendent Taylor
Principal Bennink

**Town Clerk
File**

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Notes for the Board:

**Check Register dated: January 04, 2008 totaled: \$48,379.85.
..copy attached for Board information..**

**January 03, 2007..... sealed envelop turned into the school
office from an interested person for School Board... envelop
given to Paul Cheeseman on Friday, January 04, 2007.**

**January 04, 2007... a Steve Brown phoned in reference to the locks
and door installation in the kitchen.... His men will be here on
Thursday, January 10th to do the work that must be done.**

**January 04, 2007 ... letter received from Jeffords Steel and
Engineering Company attached to these minutes.
Letter references.... Jeffords Steel Hollow Metal/Hardware
Customers.. portion of the business being sold, etc.**