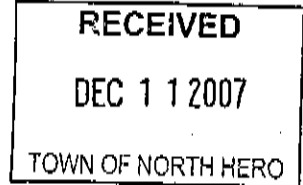


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**North Hero School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 05, 2007
at North Hero School**



In Attendance: School Board: Paul Cheeseman, Mario Guerrina, Susan Lawrence, Jennifer Gariety
Absent: Shelly St. Hilaire
Administration: Richard Taylor, Superintendent
George Nelson
Beth Hemingway
Joey Bennink
Karen Groseclose
Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Guest: Jim and Carolyn Barber, Ron and Ronda Danis
Note: Rose Cheeseman did not sign in

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment of Agenda

No adjustment to the agenda at this time

Approval of Minutes

October 17, 2007

Susan Lawrence made a motion seconded by Jennifer Gariety that the minutes for October 17, 2007 be accepted as read... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

November 07, 2007

Jennifer Gariety made a motion seconded by Susan Lawrence that the minutes for November 07, 2007 be accepted as read.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5—0.

November 28, 2007

A lengthy discussion took place for the minutes of November 28, 2007..

Page 1.. under Board Discussion.. Building Usage.

Mr. Guerrina stated he disagreed with some of the information.

-bullet 3 "facility twice as big as we need".

-bullet 7 "Town does own the building" Mr. Guerrina stated the building is owned by the North Hero School District

Page 2: Bus – to Essex

A review of times leaving and arriving at EHS and AD Lawton was again discussed.

A lengthy discussion took place on the total time that students are on the bus... minutes reflect time discussed at the November 28, 2007 meeting as 2 hours 10 minutes.

Content of the minutes were discussed in length at Mr. Guerrina's insistence.

Note: minutes were not accepted at this December 05, 2007 meeting.

FY09 Budget Expense Presentation: George Nelson, Dick Taylor and Karen Groseclose

Binders were distributed and reviewed by George Nelson

It was shared that the information in the binders is solid information to this point. More information will be forthcoming on health and tuition costs.

Principal Joey Bennink reviewed her budget part of the binder – explaining that field trip monies have been consolidated to 1100-515 for easier reference.

Question was raised why field trip monies are listed under the Social Studies section.. Ans. School Board at the November 7th meeting approved a figure of \$3,480.00 to be put in the Social Studies budget for the school year 2008-2009, field trips being a part of that budget presentation with approval.

Beth Hemingway reviewed the Special Education portion of the budget.

George offered to meet with anyone on the Board to review any portion of the budget that was not clear to them.

Letter to Paul Cheesman from Bart Wilcox

A copy of the letter dated December 04, 2007 was distributed to each Board member with the attachment "factors affecting North Hero Tax Rates"

Board expressed their appreciation for this information sent along to them by Bart Wilcox.

Letter from Ruth Miller

Letter from Ruth Miller sent to Karen Groseclose requesting that a \$2,000.00 stipend be put in the budget for her as School Treasurer for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Also requested was \$500.00 for office supplies for her.

Said letter was referred to the North Hero School Board by Karen Groseclose for their action.

Discussion.....

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that a stipend for \$750.00 be put into the 2008 – 2009 budget for the School Treasurer and that supplies needed should be requested through the Central Office when needed.

This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Note: said letter attached to all minutes.

Superintendent's Report

Robert Rule's

Superintendent Taylor distributed to each Board member a copy of the Robert Rules for their reference.

December 12, 2007 Meeting

Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2007 at Grand Isle School = Meet the Speaker Gaye Symington re: "school finances – the two vote requirement =affordable housing - property taxes - energy costs, etc. 4 – 5 p.m.....

Act 82. Section 19

An Act Relating to Education Quality and Cost Control – submitted by Commissioner Richard H. Cate

Superintendent Taylor asked that the Board take the time to read the information distributed.

Board Discussion

Liability on Skating Rink (Mario)

Not discussed

Andre Quintin? (Mario)

Mario stated he has yet to reach Andre.

Jennifer Gariety volunteered to talk with Andre Quintin and get back with the Board.

2 Vote Mandate (Act 82)

Discussed under Superintendent's Report

Essex Bus

Transportation Correspondence

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board correspondences that he received from Mrs. Carolyn Barber and Mrs. Rose Cheeseman

Discussion took place between Board and families in attendance. Following this discussion a motion was made by Mario Guerrina and seconded by Paul Cheeseman that the Essex bus pick-up and drop-off all students at their homes.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Note: Sue Lawrence did not vote due to conflict of interest.

Note: letters from both Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Cheeseman attached to the minutes.

Survey to Secondary and Elementary Families

Survey forms were reviewed and discussed.

Board agreed to wait until after the holidays and re-visit sending the survey to secondary and elementary families. Future Agenda Item.

Executive Session

Susan Lawrence made a motion that the Board recess the meeting and go in to Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Mario Guerrina... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Mario Guerrina made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the meeting with no action to be taken. This was seconded by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Board Action

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Voucher Warrant # 10 in the amount of \$106,577.43 be paid. This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Other Board Business

Academic reports from South Burlington

Principal Joey Bennink distributed to each Board member a copy of the individual academic reports that were received for North Hero students attending South Burlington middle and/or high school. Names of said reports were removed prior to their being photo copied

Agenda Building

Approval of minutes for - November 28th and December 05th

Board Action: Approval of Bills for Payment

Board Discussion: Budget

Andre Quintin... Jennifer Gariety

Ice Skating Rink....

Adjournment

Susan Lawrence made a motion that the meeting adjourn.. this was seconded by Mario Guerrina... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jo-Ann Tier

C: Board: Paul/Susan/Jennifer/Mario/Shelly
Superintendent
Principal
Town Clerk
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