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Paul Cheeseman
Shelly St. Hilaire
Jennifer Gariety

Minutes accepted on: 06 | 06 | 07

**North Hero School Board
Meeting... Wednesday... May 16, 2007
at North Hero School**

In Attendance: School Board: Mario Guerrina, Paul Cheeseman, Jennifer Gariety, Susan Lawrence and Shelly St.Hilaire 1 8:05

**Administration: Superintendent Taylor
Note: Principal Quinn absent due to personal reasons**
Secretary: Jo-Ann Tier
**Guest: Deborah Caneco Pre-school Parent a. 7:10
Andrew, Julow Parent**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

- Under Board Discussion... Selectboard Meeting Monday, May 21, 2007

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 02,2007

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to accept the minutes of May 02, 2007 as read. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 5 – 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Status of Open Positions

Business Manager interviews in process. 1 or 2 candidates will be brought to the GISU Personnel Executive Committee with recommendations from the Central Office.

George Nelson's contract for the next two years has to be reviewed.

Karen Reinhardt and Clare Sheedy leaving for other positions. The opening for a Director of Curriculum position will be posted very soon.

Alburgh has a new principal and Isle LaMotte will be interviewing two (2) candidates soon.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Update

- Principal's Report was distributed which covered
- = last day of school is June 20th.
 - = a copy of the 7/8 article that appeared in The Islander
 - =Grade 8 parents met on May 4th to talk about their class trip
 - =June 18th ... grade 8 will be on their class trip
 - =Talent Show on June 1st.

Note: Report attached to the minutes for those who did not receive a copy.

Transportation

Mr. Guerrina shared with the Board discussions that took place at the transportation meeting held at the Central Office. Information is yet to be received from the bus company

(1) What the cost increase will be for North Hero to bring middle levels students to Grand Isle School in the morning.. (2) Will the Grand Isle Board pay for their bus to bring middle level students who plan to attend Grand Isle School next year – back to North Hero in the afternoon.

Mr. Guerrina shared his concern for the Grand Isle bus going to the north-end should a child at that end of the Island decide plan to attend Grand Isle School.

As it stands now – we have four (4) students who have expressed an interest. One will travel with his mom – other three live on US Route # 2 – south-end of the Village.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Future's Committee Update (Shelly)

Shelly reported on the low turn-out at the meeting held on May 15, 2007.. She shared how wonderful the Isle LaMotte Board has been to work with. A June meeting has been planned. When asked what the discussion could be... Ans. Alternative Education and Phil's input as to where should we go from here.

Chair Paul Cheeseman thanked Shelly for all her work and the presentation last evening.

Safety Zone

Mario

Mario shared that he recently had a conversation with Connie

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Allen.

He will ask the Select Board for a “safety letter” at the Monday night meeting and move on from that point.

School Repairs Mario

**Mario recently spoke with George Nelson
Determination will be made on repairs needed with ads going out for bids.
South-end of the building may be put on a hold for repairs as various discussions for building usage take place.**

School Security Mario

Information received by Mario is confusing... figures could run from \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 .. future agenda item

Request for Kindergarten Early Entry for 2007 – 2008

**Superintendent Taylor reviewed the professional testing information received with the Board. Child will be five (5) on September 21, 2007. Superintendent read the North Hero School District Policy - Title: Admission of Resident Students Code: F16
“No child shall be admitted unless he/she is five years of age on or before September 1, exceptions to this rule will be made on the basis of professional testing information and the recommendation of the Superintendent”.**

Superintendent Taylor informed the Board that he would like to be in contact with the professional person who administered the test and that he would be back in touch with the Board with his decision. Future agenda item.

Meeting with North Hero Selectboard – May 21, 2007

Chair Paul Cheeseman asked who would like to speak to the Board on Monday – the following responded that they would like to address the Board on Monday - Susan Lawrence, Shelly St. Hilaire and Mario Guerrina...

Board discussed areas in which they would share...

- =space in the building**
- =right-of-way**
- =revenue**
- =utilizing the facility**
- =we could become a community center**
- =the extra land that the Board does have and the land in the area that is currently for sale.**
- =emergency plan**
- =etc.**

Susan Lawrence will check to see what other communities have done

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in the State of Vermont and how many schools are involved in a “community center”.

Mr. Guerrina shared that he is under the impression that the Board can lease for three (3) years prior to any vote being taken place on a lease.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that Voucher Warrant Number 20 in the amount of \$59,463.90 be paid. This motion was seconded by Mario Guerrina.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried.

The Board Report (Expense) dated: May 01, 2007 was distributed -

Board was asked by Superintendent Taylor to review column (s) for balances.

Page 14... balance figure was discussed. Superintendent Taylor and George Nelson will be discussing this figure soon... and will report back to the Board.

Question was asked by Board... have all health reimbursements been received? Ans... not known at this time.

AGENDA BUILDING

Next meeting... June 06, 2007

Superintendent's Report - Update: projected school balance for 2006-2007
- Decision for Kindergarten Early entry for 2007-08

Board Discussion:


- = School Space... Pre-school Program – Beth Hemingway
- = Transportation... 7 – 8 students M. Guerrina
- = Summer Meeting schedule

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ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. this was seconded by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion .. this motion was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo-Ann Tier

**C: Board: Paul/Mario/Susan/Jennifer/Shelly
Superintendent Taylor
Principal Quinn
Town Clerk
File**