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**North Hero School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 15, 2007  
at North Hero School 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Administration:** Richard Taylor, Superintendent of Schools

**Secretary:**            Jo-Ann Tier

**Guest:**                 Myra Ameigh

**Adjustment of Agenda**

<b>Board Discussion - Eagle Project</b>	<b>Jennifer Gariety</b>
<b>Board Discussion - Carpet room 144</b>	<b>Jennifer Gariety</b>
<b>Superintendent's Report.....</b>	<b>Policy Manual</b>
<b>Superintendent's Report.....</b>	<b>Principal Update</b>

**Approval of Minutes of August 01, 2007**

**Mario Guerrina made a motion that the minutes for August 01, 2007 be accepted as read. This motion was carried by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.**

**Parent Question: Student Transportation**

**Myra Ameigh shared with the Board that she received a phone call from Albert D. Lawton School that her daughter cannot attend that school. Shared with Mrs. Ameigh was that the reason for the non-acceptance is because the grade the child would be going in to is offered with-in the District.**

**Her daughter has been accepted at the Essex Middle School. Parents have offered to pay the cost to transport from Albert D. Lawton to Essex Middle School.**

**Discussion took place on how could the child be transported from the Albert D. Lawton School....**

Referenced by Superintendent Taylor was.....

- 2.3 miles with a round trip
- precedent being established? Referenced was the warned vote for Tuesday, March 01, 2005  
“Shall the Town of North Hero School District authorize the North Hero School Board to provide high school students residing in the Town of North Hero transportation (including bus and driver) to and from North Hero to Essex Junction High School? The cost of said bus and driver to be raised by Taxes.
- Mountain Transit having input to cost for mileage and driver.

Discussion.... possibility of a taxi from Essex Middle to Albert D. Lawton? Board agreed that Mrs. Ameigh and Dick Taylor will continue to meet to see what can be worked out. Future Agenda Item

### Superintendent's Report

#### **NORTH HERO BOARD POLICIES;**

Superintendent Taylor distributed the new copies of the North Hero Policies. Three copies: 1. Principal's Office 2. School Office 3. Teacher Association (note copy will be placed in the Staff Room)

Dick shared with the Board in the near future he will ask the Board to have a motion to rescind past policies for the record. Board was asked to review notebook distributed to see if anything was left out.

#### **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

Joanna Bennink will not report for duty until August 20<sup>th</sup> due to the death of her father.

Flowers with a card will be placed on her desk from the North Hero School Board and Central Office on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Board agreed to have an “ice cream social” on August 29<sup>th</sup> between 6 – 7 p.m. to meet Principal Bennink and her family. The Abbey to be phoned for availability.

### Board Discussion

#### Land out back new agreement question

Discussion..

Mario Guerrina agreed to get in touch with Andre Quintin to review with him the action that took place on his use of school property at the School Board Meeting on August 01, 2007. Susan Lawrence

expressed an interest to join Mario Guerrina.  
Board also would like information from Andre Quintin as to what chemicals have been used on this land.

#### Selectboard Meeting

Mario Guerrina and Jennifer Gariety attended said meeting.  
Chair Joe Poquette gave them a copy of the information the Selectboard received from the Planning Commission.  
It was noted for the Board information that Marie Kilbride is in the process of getting information on square footage needed by the Selectboard, etc.

#### Rental of School Space

Chair Paul Cheeseman informed the Board that he was contacted by Jack Miller in reference to the need for the School Board to complete the necessary paperwork for "change of use" at the school i.e. rental of facility to GISU.  
Board agreed that VSBA should be contacted for their opinion.  
Mario Guerrina will investigate a barter system, etc.

#### North Hero Elementary Bussing

Discussion took place on one drop-off and one pick-up at the North Hero School... with the north-end being picked-up first and returned home first.  
The Board discussed their bus driver concerns... i.e. speed, smoking, using cell phone, etc. Superintendent will have a chat with George Nelson, who in turn, will talk with John Sharrow at the bus company office.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that for the school year 2007 – 2008 that one drop-off and pick-up will take place at the North Hero School. The north-end students will be picked up first and will continue to the south-end to get the south-end students. At the end of the day.. the north-end students will go home first followed by the south-end. This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Board also agreed that parents be informed that students can be dropped off at the school between 7:50 and 8:00 a.m.

Shelly St. Hilaire stated that she has been getting e-mails asking middle level students going to Grand Isle School and being transported by North Hero School Bus...  
Board asked who was e.mailing with this question. Ans. Sally Cameron-Miller.

**Mario Guerrina made a motion that the North Hero School bus transport these middle level students to Grand Isle School – door-to-door service. This was seconded by Jennifer Garriety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.**

**It was noted communication would be sent to families once the time was established more concrete for picking-up and return to their homes.**

**The Board informed Superintendent Taylor at this time that itinerates should arrive and depart at the school the same time as others are required.**

#### **Flag Pole**

**Jennifer Gariety reviewed with the Board the Eagle Project Description that her son, Max, would like to do at the North Hero School.**

**Discussion and review of project with Jennifer.**

**Susan Lawrence made a motion that Chair Paul Cheeseman sign for approval of this Eagle Project by the North Hero School Board. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.**

**Note: Copies of said project attached to the minutes.**

#### **Rug.. room 144**

**Jennifer Gariety shared the concern for the rug in room 144.**

**Discusion... tearing it up and/or stretching it, etc.**

**Marion Guerrina will take a look at the rug.**

### **Board Action**

#### **Approval of Bills for Payment**

**Susan Lawrence made a motion that warrant # 3 in the amount of \$6,443.52 be paid. This was seconded by Mario Guerrina.. hearing no further discussion .. this motion was carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval Tax Anticipation Note**

**Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the Tax Anticipation Note be signed for One Hundred Thousand Dollars. This motion was seconded by Mario Guerrina... hearing no further discussion... motion carried.**

**Note: copy of Tax Anticipation Note attached to the minutes.**

**Executive Session**

**Not needed at this meeting**

**Board Correspondence/Sharing**

**Not needed at this meeting**

**Agenda Building**

**September 05, 2007**

**Superintendent's Report... update on (Ameigh) transportation**

**Board Action... motion to rescind past Board Policies**

**Board Discussion... Update - land behind the school..**

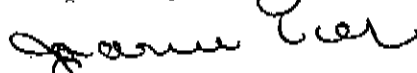
**Mario Guerrina/Susan Lawrence**

**.... Rental of School Facility**

**Adjourn**

**Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the meeting adjourn. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
**Jo-Ann Tier**

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

**Note: copy of North Hero School Board Warning for Tuesday, March 01, 2005 attached to the minutes for Board reference.**