

Draft

North Hero School Board Meeting
Meeting, Wednesday, January 18, 2012
7:00 P.M. at North Hero School room 144

Approval of minutes for

January 18, 2012:

Andrew Julow _____
Adam Trevits _____
Seth Chastenay _____
Bill Biddle _____
Jennifer Gariety _____
Date: _____

In Attendance: School Board = Andrew Julow, Adam Trevits, Bill Biddle, Jennifer Gariety
and Seth Chastenay

Administration: Superintendent Phillips
Principal Bennink

Board Secretary: Jo-Ann Tier

Guest: Bart Wilcox and Corinn Julow (a. 7:15 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Andrew Julow

Adjustment of Agenda

There will be no adjustment to the agenda at this time in the meeting.

Approval of minutes for December 14, 2011 and January 04, 2012

Adam Trevits made a motion to accept the minutes for **December 14, 2011**
and **January 4, 2012** as read. This motion was seconded by Seth Chastenay..
hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 5-0.

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

Bart Wilcox asked if the warning would be discussed this evening. Ans.
Yes ... under Board Discussion.

Recognition of Visitors:

Parent Concern Regarding Transportation stipends

No one was in attendance to discuss this concern

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

High School Tuition Rates

With another look at this budget item – it appears, at this time, that the figure could be a drop in \$22,000.00 due to students moving out of North Hero during this school year.

Budget to Actual

Superintendent distributed to the Board - Budget to Actual ending in the month of November 2011.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Attendance Check

Remains the same at this time, however, at the end of the month we will be losing a student who is in grade 2.

GRACE UPDATE

Distributed to the Board was a draft copy of a letter that Mrs. Bennink will be sending home to North Hero families on Friday, January 20, 2112.

Said letter referenced –

- The after-school program at North Hero started 5 years ago
- The 21st Century Grant Program (GRACE) was added.
- Based on the increase in funding, staff, and students, our past licensing became obsolete
- The current license will be eliminated – which was originally drafted for a smaller center-based program
- Next step is to add a license for an after-school school age/school based program
- Current licenses are being re-worked by the state
- Mrs. Bennink will be assisting on this committee

Discussion.....

The Board expressed their concern for the visitation by Christel Michaud, Licensing Field Specialist on December 5, 2011 and that they were not made aware of this visit during any of the three Board Meetings after that visit.

Their awareness was through the letter mailed to families on January 5, 2012.

Discussion.. continued..

- What is Heather doing?
- Where is the GISU Office in the matter?
- Is it not time to have someone else over-see this program.. Joey Bennink has enough on her plate.
- What was the training process for the person currently involved with the afterschool program.
- Who does Jackie work for? Heather?
- What would the cost to the Grace Program be at this time to hire a supervisor for the North Hero Program at this time?

Superintendent Phillips shared that following this visitation a meeting had taken place with Joey Bennink and Heather Niquette. Joey has reviewed the policy location, etc. with Jackie, and that the program continues to be in the discussion stage.

A parent in attendance, Corinn Julow, spoke that she was not alarmed by the letter sent home on January 5, 2012. We must trust our children. She loves the after-school program and so do her children.

Board asked to be in “the loop” on the Grace Program. And, that things should be tightened up and everyone should be aware of the policies in place, etc. Future Agenda Item.

Note: Attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk..

... School-Age Program.. certificate # 23231 Licensing Site Visit.. on December 5, 2011.

... Letter to North Hero families – dated January 05, 2012

... Letter going to North Hero families - dated January 20, 2012

BOARD DISCUSSION

Finalize FY2012-13 Budget

The following was distributed to those in attendance:

- The North Hero Budget sorted by functional areas
- Homestead and Non-residential Education Tax Rate information.

Discussion took place on the possible change of the wording for the warning. Apparently some towns will be changing their wording for the warnings a little.

The Board has discussed this with Pete Johnson, Town Clerk, and the consensus of opinion is to let us leave the language as it has been because folks are familiar with the wording.

At this time in the meeting – Chair Andrew Julow read the proposed North Hero Town School District Warning for Hearing....

“The legal voters of the North Hero Town School District are hereby notified and warned of a Public Hearing to be held at the North Hero Elementary School, in said town, on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Said hearing is an Information Hearing to discuss the articles listed below and to meet the candidates to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

North Hero Town School District Official Warning

The legal voters of the North Hero Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Hero Town Offices, in said town, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 with polls open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

- Article 1. Shall the legal voters of the North Hero Town School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,616,495 as recommended by the School Board, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the school district for FY2012-2013?
- Article 2. Shall the Town School District authorize the School Board to borrow in anticipation of taxes?

Article 3. To elect all School Officers as required by Law.

Dated at North Hero, Vermont this 18th day of January, 2012.

A short discussion followed this reading.

Note: copy of the budget information distributed this evening is attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk's Office.

State Inspection

Discussion took place under Principal's Report... re: GRACE Update

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$66,249.96. This motion was seconded by Adam Trevits.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

The Board did ask Superintendent Phillips to inform them when the North Hero School District was reimbursed by South Burlington for ½ of the cost for the transportation being paid to Apollo Limousine/Benways.

Sign Warning

Adam Trevits made a motion that the North Hero Town School District Official Warning read by Chair Andrew Julow under agenda item Board discussion be approved for signing by the North Hero School Board this evening. This motion was seconded by Bill Biddle... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Note: copy of said warning attached to the minutes given the Town Clerk's Office.

Other Board Business

No other Board business at this time

Agenda Building

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 01, 2012.

Adjourn

Bill Biddle made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 P.M. This motion was seconded by Adam Trevits... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: School Board – Jennifer, Adam, Andrew, Bill and Seth
Superintendent Phillips
Principal Bennink
Town Clerk's Office
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