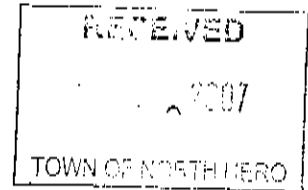


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**North Hero School Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 03, 2007
at North Hero School
7:00 P.M.**



Attendance

In Attendance: **School Board:** Paul Cheeseman, Shelly St. Hilaire and Jennifer Gariety
Mr. Cheeseman reported that Mario Guerrina is unable to attend due to a family matter and that Susan Lawrence would be absent.
Administration: Superintendent Taylor
Principal Bennink
Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Cheeseman at 7:03 P.M.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Robert Rules..... Paul Cheeseman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that the minutes of September 19, 2007 be accepted as read.. this motion was seconded by S. St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

ROBERT RULES

Chair Paul Cheeseman shared his concern for the Board using the Robert Rules at their meetings and starting with the meeting this evening – this procedure would take place.

Paul also shared that after the last meeting ... he decided the necessity. At one time the Board was a three man board now it is a five man board.. which causes.. more input into a meeting... various ideas, etc. and a little more control by the Chair is needed.

Paul reviewed –

- Motions must be seconded

- **Debatable - Amendable**
- **Vote being required for adoption (majority)**
- **Business being brought before the Board by the motion**
- **Motion being a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting.**
- **A second merely implies that the seconder agrees that motion should come before the meeting – not that they necessarily favor the motion.**
- **Members address only the chair, or address each other through the chair, etc.**

Dick Taylor offered to purchase a copy of the Robert Rules for each member, principal, and school office from his budget.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Meeting with Curriculum Coordinator

... 4 block.. lots of work and it is a strong literacy program. Has not been re-visited for 2 years. Grammar being a part of this 4 block.

Professional Development Program includes literacy.

program has holes in it. Encouragement for teachers to use supplements for the program. Program does allow the student different ways to think.

Board was informed if they wanted to further explore the curriculum, Debby King, would be more than happy to attend a Board meeting.

Soccer Coach

Principal Joey Bennink recommended the School Board contribute \$200.00 toward the British coach who has been coming to North Hero (3 visits so far) during the physical education classes on Wednesday.

Discussion took place for the school's past experience with this program.

Board asked how was the contact made this year. Ans. phone call received from South Hero.

Jennifer Garriety made a motion that a check for \$200.00 be sent to the Challenger Program. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Voice Mail

Explanation was given that when the technician came to the school to make some changes in the phone system (Network Technology & Telephone) it was discovered that that the chip for the voice mail was non-functional and unfortunately needs to be replaced – the cost would be \$1,100.00.

Question was raised... is it worth putting this kind of money into the system at this time.... Discussion....

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that a new chip be purchased in the amount of \$1,100.00. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

FERPA

Privacy Act was reviewed by Principal Bennink.
All North Hero staff will be asked to sign a confidentiality contact.

BOARD DISCUSSION

HEAD LICE POLICY F-17

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board that more serious boundaries were needed.. i.e. isolated until treated.

Changes read:

#2 to read: Any student identified by the school nurse (or qualified designee as having lice will be sent home as soon as possible for treatment.

Students with untreated nits shall be discouraged from close contact with others and will be sent home at the end of the school day.

#5 to read: Each re-entering students will be examined by trained personnel to look for evidence that the treatment was performed. If evidence is lacking, the student will be sent home as soon as possible for treatment.

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to accept the changes made in Head Lice Policy F-17. This was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Parental Involvement Policy H-2

Changes read:

A # 6 to be added which would read:

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated annually for content and effectiveness.

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that number 6 (as read) be added to Policy H-2. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Superintendent Taylor said that the review of this policy should be placed on the "Spring to due list" and that it should be also a part of the Student Handbook.

Security Locks

Mario Guerrina, in his absence from the meeting. asked Chair Paul Cheeseman to ask Jo-Ann Tier to update the Board...

Jeffords Steel and Engineering Company have been hired by the Board. Eight locks have been changed.. giving the staff the ability to lock the door

with a key from within the room.

Doors have been delivered and are in the boiler room.. they now await word from Mr. Guerrina as to when old doors will be removed, etc.

Meeting with Andre Quintin

The item to be tabled until Mr. Guerrina is in attendance

Bussing To and From Grand Isle

Mr. Guerrina will be visiting with the Grand Isle Board to review bussing to and from North Hero for the middle level students. The original understanding was that it would be a 50 – 50 proposition. Future Agenda Item.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Jennifer Gariety made a motion that warrant number 6 in the amount of \$6,201.79 be paid. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 3-0.

Act on Policy Amendments

Action taken under Board Discussion items

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING

Letter from Rose Cheeseman – Dated: October 02, 2007

Letter distributed to each Board Member.

Chair asked Board to review said letter and that it would be discussed at the next meeting with full the Board.

Memo from Marie Kilbride (Board of Select)

Copies distributed to each Board Member.

Chair asked Board to review information and that it would be discussed at the next meeting when Mario was in attendance.

Letter from Mary Cuning Dated: September 25, 2007

Copies of said letter distributed to all Board Members... said letter said, “Please thank the School Board – for the raise in substitutes pay.”

Vermont School Board Association Meeting

Chair Paul Cheeseman reminded Board of the dates November 1 and 2. Superintendent Taylor stated he would be attending. If someone was looking for a ride to get in touch with him. Also - cost to attend would be paid for by his office.

Request for an Executive Session

Shelly St. Hilaire shared with the Board her concern for the need of the North Hero School Board having an Executive Session whereby the Board can discuss.... Efficiency of time at their meetings, time appropriated for agenda items, professionalism, respect and confidentiality.

She asked that Superintendent Taylor be in attendance and that he assume the role of a mediator.

The Board agreed to set aside, at their next meeting, 30 minutes for this purpose if all Board members are in attendance.

AGENDA BUILDING

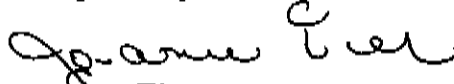
Board Discussion: Letter from Rose Cheeseman – Dated: 10/02/07
Lease of Space in Elementary School for Town Offices
Bussing To & From Grand Isle... Mario Guerrina
Meeting with Andre Quintin.... Mario Guerrina

Executive Session: Personnel Matter.... Principal Bennink
School Board...

ADJOURNMENT

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 A.M. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion .. this motion was carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jo-Ann Tier

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