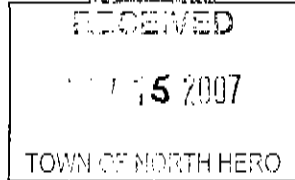


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**North Hero School Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 07, 2007
at North Hero School... 7:00 P.M.**

- In Attendance:**
- School Board: Paul Cheeseman, Susan Lawrence, Shelly St. Hilaire, Mario Guerrina and Jennifer Gariety**
 - Administration: Superintendent Taylor
Principal Bennink**
 - Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier**
 - Selectboard: Joe Poquette, Marie Kilbride and Jeff Potvin**
 - Guest: Darrell Parker 1 7:10**
 - Curriculum Director: Deb King 1 7:10**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by School Board Member, Jennifer Gariety.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Under Board Discussion

- Survey About Your Children's Secondary Education – M. Guerrina

Under Board Action

- Signature for Fiber Optic Lease 2007-2008
12th Year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2007

Note: Copies for the minutes of October 17, 2007 were distributed this evening.

Board agreed to table the acceptance of the October 17, 2007 meeting until everyone had a chance to read the minutes.

Debby King/Darrell Parker: Social Studies Materials and Budgeting

Debby King reviewed the following –

- **K-8 Social Studies Curriculum framework being aligned**
- **Funding has taken place for pull down maps for each classroom with classroom atlases**
- **GISU providing funds for new units being developed this year**
- **Council will continue to develop new units in 08/09 , 09/10.**
- **Involved in an on-going process of reviewing materials.**
- **Teachers have requested Social Studies “kits” be developed at each Grade level.**
- **Action Plans and writing course tie pieces together**

Darrell Parker shared various materials that she uses in her classroom.

The 2008/2009 projected North Hero expenses for the budget were reviewed which totaled = \$3,480.00

Susan Lawrence made a motion to incorporate the \$3,480.00 into the North Hero budget for the school year 2008-2009. This was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Guerrina expressed the importance to push harder to get to the children.

Chair Paul Cheeseman thanked both Debby and Darrell for coming to the meeting this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Transportation Correspondence

Superintendent Taylor read two (2) correspondence received from North Hero parents 1. Carolyn Barber 2. Rose Cheeseman
A lengthy discussion took place =

- reviewing stops now currently use
- areas that children are picked-up
- area that children are not picked-up
- what has happen when a sub driver is involved
- parents not calling bus company when students will not be riding
- pick-up times
- Town turn-around spot on Abnaki road
- students arriving home after 4:00 p.m. (darkness)
- discussion centering around leaving route as it is and review next year
- etc.

The following motion was put into place.... Mario Guerrina made a motion that every child riding the Essex bus be picked up at their home driveway and that Mr. George Nelson be instructed, by Superintendent Taylor, to look into the additional cost for this to happen and report back to the Board asap. This motion was seconded by Shelly St. Hilaire... hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 2 – 1.

The following Board Members abstained from participating in the following motion due to conflict of interest – Susan Lawrence – Essex bus driver Paul Cheeseman - Rose Cheeseman being his daughter-in-law.

It was noted that Jo-Ann Tier will be contacted by the Board when a letter is to be sent to all families of this Board decision.

Note: Copies of said letters attached to all minutes.

School-wide Calendar Meeting

Public invited to a "School-wide" Calendar Meeting at Essex Tech Center on November 13, 2007 6:30 P.M.

The change in this calendar is scheduled to take place for school year 2009 – 2010.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Librarian

Principal Bennink reviewed the current library aide position with the Board.

Discussion centered around:

- potential insurance coverage
- additional classes someday
- pay for educational courses
- etc.

Mario Guerrina made a motion that Principal Bennink review education background for Sally Groff and from that point the Board can make a determination. This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

North Hero Student Enrichment Association

Joey updated the Board on the meetings being held and what they are doing.

Board was asked for approval to again have a skating rink at North Hero School .

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to approve the skating rink. This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence. Hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 5-0.

Mario Guerrian stated he would contact George Nelson to re-visit the liability issue and report back to the Board.

Special Educator

Request was made to increase the time for Karin Demczuk (Special Educator) from a .4 to a .6. This would mean she would work a full day on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Discusion.

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion to increase time from .4 to .6 for Karin Demczuk to be effective immediately. This was seconded by Mario Guerrina.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was Carried 5-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Facility Usage

Shelly St. Hilaire shared that she received a phone call from Selectboard member Marie Kilbridge –

Discusion.....

- Letter to Board of Select dated October 29th was referenced
- E.mail from George Nelson was referenced
- E.mail from Charles Merriman to Marie Kilbride

Discussion...

- Town to buy back some of the building
- Formality for “change of use”
- Finding a use for the building
- Short term/long term goal
- Lease or sell
- Etc.

George Nelson will be in touch with Charles Merriman and touch back with both Boards.

School Board will meet and discuss locations that could be available as the school facility.

Both Board will soon be meeting.

The Selectboard shared with the School Board that another location is being looked at and soon to have an answer on whether it could be a possibility.

Both Board concurred that it was a good discussion.

FY09 Budget

Staff data being collected for input in the system. Following this process the Principal and Superintendent will meet.

New Business

A Survey About Your Children’s Secondary Education...

Mr. Guerrina shared with the Board various comments that he has received from parents of the secondary students... i.e. student on “honor roll” at North Hero School – now – having academic difficulties. Students having an adjustment period getting use to the amount of homework. Some families feel little was given at North Hero School, etc.

Mr. Guerrina distributed a form that he is requesting that the Board approval for mailing to all secondary families. Board was asked to review this form and give feedback at the next meeting.

North Hero Annual Reports... Jo-Ann Tier distributed a photo copy of the North Hero School Board Annual Reports for 2004,2005, and 2006 for the Board to review prior to their preparing the 2007 report for the auditors.

School Newsletters

Board requested that Board Members who do not have children at the school that they receive a mailing of what is being sent home for their information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Susan Lawrence made a motion to recess the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M for personnel matter. This was seconded by Mario Guerrina hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

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

Susan Lawrence made the motion that a special incentive offer be made available for those eligible at the time given by the Principal and Superintendent. This motion was seconded by Mario Guerrina .. hearing no further discussion. this motion was carried 5-0.

It was also noted at this time that the staffing pattern for the next school year will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

Mario Guerrina made a motion that warrant # 8 in the amount of \$131,142.91 be paid. This motion was seconded by Susan Lawrence.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 5-0.

Approval for Payment for Fiber Optic Lease

Susan Lawrence made a motion that the Board approve payment of \$1,800.00, to come from the Levert King Trust Fund, for the Fiber Optic Lease 2007 – 2008 Year: Twelfth. This was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Andre Quintin

Mario Guerrina still to be in touch him.

Doors

Jennifer Gariety asked for an update on doors that are to placed in in room 138 and 139.

Her concern was for lack of light... will doors have windows? Will windows be around the door?

Type of door ordered was reviewed by Mario Guerrina.

AGENDA BUILDING

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2007 (6:30 P.M.)
(note: pizza will be served)

Board Discussion: Facility Usage

December 05, 2007 meeting...

: Staffing Patteron

: Skating rink... any liability issues?

Board Action: Mailing of form to Secondary Education
Parents

ADJOURNMENT

Shelly St. Hilaire made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo-Ann Tier

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