

Unapproved North Hero School Board Meeting Minutes approved _____
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 6:00 P.M. Andrew Julow _____
at North Hero School.... Room 118 Jennifer Gariety _____
Dave Davis _____
Judith Wimble _____
Bridget Timms _____

IN ATTENDANCE - School Board: Andrew Julow, Dave Davis, Judith Wimble, Bridget Timms,
and Jennifer Gariety

Administration: Superintendent Robert Phillips
Principal Joe Resteghini
Director of Student Services – Beth Hemingway

Board Secretary: Jo-Ann Tier

Guest: Barbara Callahan – School Board Isle LaMotte
Heather Niquette - Grace Program
Edorah Rubin - Principal, Isle LaMotte

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Julow at 6:02 P.M.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Other Business: Preparation for the North Hero School Board Report AJ

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.... for December 2, 2014 and December 16, 2014

Judith Wimble made a motion to approve the Board minutes for December 2, 2014 and December 16, 2014. This motion was seconded by Bridget Timms.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments and/or questions from the public regarding items not on the agenda at this time in the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Barbara Callahan

Barbara was introduced to the North Hero School Board by Chair Andrew Julow. Andrew stated that he felt it was important to have a discussion with the Isle LaMotte School Board following the correspondence received by the North Hero Board on August 26, 2014 from the Isle LaMotte School Board and the communication from North Hero School Board to the Isle LaMotte School Board in September 2014. Barbara went on to review the impact for the taxes in the Town of Isle LaMotte. The exploration of school consolidation opportunities through the secured grant by the School Boards of Isle LaMotte and Grand Isle was shared.

January 7th – a meeting will be held in Grand Isle to establish a committee.

This committee will meet on three (3) occasions:

- January 13th.. facilitated committee discussion
- January 27th.. facilitated committee discussion.. committee will wrap-up
In a Public Meeting and will report to both boards.

The North Hero Board is invited to attend this meeting.

Chair Andrew Julow and Dave Davis will represent the North Hero Board.

Both Boards – this evening – expressed their feelings not to have their schools closed.

Note: future agenda item for the North Hero School Board

GRACE PROGRAM Heather Niquette

Heather shared with the Board that the GISU is in the 5th year of the original grant.

The purpose of her visit this evening was to receive, from the North Hero School Board, their guidance on a sustainability plan for North Hero School for the continuation of the Grace program.

She is in the process of submitting a renewal grant for the GISU for approval.

Heather did inform the Board that she is requesting a sum of money (\$2,500.00) from the voters of North Hero for approval in March of 2015.

A discussion took place.

Board reviewed, with Heather, their past request -to her - to receive reports which would give information on “money coming in – money going out” at the North Hero School for the Grace Program.

The Board, again, asked for this report.

Once this said report is received and reviewed – a discussion on sustainability will continue.

This discussion will continue at the North Hero School Board Meeting scheduled for

Tuesday, January 20th.

Note: Beth Hemingway volunteered to help Heather Niquette with preparing a report that the North Hero Board has requested.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

General Information

New Finance Manger Position - being posted... Board will receive updates

Budget info distributed to the Board

- 12/31/14 Summary Financial Status
- High School Tuition Process
- Town School Budget Revenue
- Special Education the Big Picture
- Budget to Actual

Superintendent complimented John Gifford, Business Manager, for this

outstanding work on preparing the above reports for the Board this evening.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Building Improvement Updates

New Phone System

The new phone system was installed by Integrity Communication. Staff is in the process of learning the new system.

Boiler Concerns

An update was given to the Board. Temperatures alarm system is working. Concern initially was for the possibility of "air" getting into the system. At this time... Climate System does not feel this being a problem.

Unified District Reporting System

Administration is in the process of working on a District report card. Joe will be reporting back to the Board with the progress being made... this will be a future agenda item..
Future agenda item.

BOARD DISCUSSION

FY16 Budget

Revenue

A review took place for the possible revenue for the school year 2015-2016.

Figures were inserted into the working excel document as the Board reviewed the line items.

Information received from John Gifford for the Fiscal Year 2016 ..Revenue.. was referenced throughout the review of revenues.

The area for Special Education Intensive and Special Education Block was discussed.

The information received from John Gifford.. Special Education the Big Picture was referenced during this discussion.

These Special Education figures will be double checked by Beth Hemingway.. i.e. health insurance, etc. Beth will confirm figures with the Board.

Tuition

The information received from John Gifford for the High School Process was referenced throughout the secondary tuition discussion.

January 20th Board Meeting

At the January 20th Board Meeting – the School Board will adopt their FY16 Budget for the School Year 2015 – 2016 to be voted on by the North Hero taxpayers in March.

Collaboration with Isle LaMotte

Jennifer Gariety made a motion to authorize Andrew Julow and Dave Davis to represent the North Hero School Board at the meeting scheduled for January 7th. This motion was seconded by Bridget Timms... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

BOARD ACTION

Approval of Bills for Payment

The warrant for January 06, 2015 was distributed for Board review. The Board, again, removed this invoice for Paul Smith for the college tuition in the amount of \$300.00.

Note: Chair Andrew Julow will investigate the policy for North Hero School secondary students and report back to the Board.

Dave Davis made a motion to approve payment for a warrant in the amount of \$154,392.68 with this motion being seconded by Jennifer Gariety.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

STUDENT MATTER

Dave Davis made a motion for the Board to recess this meeting and to go into Executive Session to review the school enrollments for the North Hero secondary students for budget purposes. This motion was seconded by Judith Wimble.. hearing no further discussion .. this motion was carried.

Dave Davie made a motion to come out of Executive session at 8:15 p.m. and to reconvene the Board meeting with no action to be taken. this motion was seconded by Jennifer Gariety and carried.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

North Hero School Board Report

Judith Wimble agreed to prepare a draft report for the Board to review and approve that will be submitted for the Town of North Hero Annual Report.

AGENDA BUILDING

Tuesday – January 20, 2014 .. Board Discussion/Action – Grace Program Report that
has been requested by the North
Hero Board
-Exploration of school consolidation

AJOURNMENT

Dave Davis made a motion to adjourn this meeting with this motion being seconded
by Jennifer Gariety... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: School Board Andrew/Juditih/Dave/Jennifer/Bridget
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Principal Resteghini
Town Clerk's Office
North Hero Town Web Page
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