

**South Hero School Board**

**Minutes for Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

**At Folsom Educational and Community Center**

**6:08 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, Board Chair

**In attendance:** RJ Sweeney, David Cain, Mike Bishop, Board members, Jenny Perry, Principal, Tim Maxham, Lynne Carpenter, Mark Naud, Kari Banas

**6:10 p.m.** – Moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

**6:35 p.m.** – Exited Executive Session with no action taken

**Public Comments:**

Members of the public asked questions about the upcoming budget cycle in order to get clarification of the impact Act 46 was going to have in regards to cutting programming and/or staffing. This is due to the 2.02% budget cap imposed by Act 46. Community members encouraged the board to host an additional meeting, so feedback could be provided in terms of proposed areas for possible budget cuts and so the board could educate the community about why this budget cycle is so challenging and the implications of Act 46. The board decided warn another meeting for January 12, 2016.

**Superintendent's Report: Barbara Burrington**

- Barbara was unable to attend the meeting but provided a detailed report of GISU activities during the past month.
- Highlights of her report include; December 7<sup>th</sup> teachers in service that included strengthening instructional standards with Next Generation Science Standards credited coursework, literacy training from UVM's Green Mountain Writing Project, training for math teachers from Judi Maynard, and prioritizing standards and developing proficiency scales among the K-5 literacy and math teachers.
- Updates were also provided regarding the 3 year plan for prioritizing and developing proficiency scales, special education staffing, and Business Office updates.

**Principal's Report: Jenny Perry**

- Jenny provided an update on enrollment, which is currently at 132. This is the highest enrollment at Folsom in close to a dozen years.
- She also gave instructional and general maintenance updates.

**Board Discussion:**

- Budget to Actuals – the board went over the most recent budget documentation submitted by Lynne Carpenter.

- FY17 Budget – Extensive conversations took place in regards to where the budget could be cut in order to comply with the 2.02% budget increase cap imposed by Act 46.

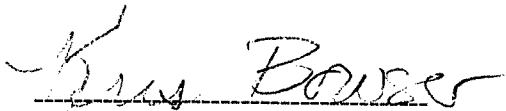
**Board Action:**

- Motion made by David Cain to approve 12/17/15 meeting minutes. Seconded by Kris Bowser. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made at 7:55 p.m. to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

**7:55 p.m.** - Moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

**8:20 p.m.** - Came out of Executive Session. No action taken.

**8:52 p.m.** – Motion made by Mike Bishop to adjourn meeting. Seconded by RJ Sweeney. Unanimously approved.

  
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Kris Bowser

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Bernadette Toth

  
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Mike Bishop

  
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David Cain

  
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RJ Sweeney