

**GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Meeting Monday, January 25, 2016**  
**At Grand Isle School**

**Attendance:**

Gary Marckres, *Chair*  
Teri Geney  
Carol Miller  
Don Bartlett  
Mike Talbot

Eric Arnzen, *Principal*  
Barbara Burrington, *Superintendent*  
Lynne Carpenter

**Members of the Public:**

Melissa Steady  
Glen Stegner  
Jim More  
Amy Murray  
Keith Murray  
Char Kennedy  
Bill Kennedy  
Tim Mayham  
Mark Cobb sr.  
Andrew Julow  
Tracy Pearson  
Others

**Call Meeting to Order**

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

**Adjustment of the Agenda**

Principal's Report postponed

**Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2016**

Carol Miller moved to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0.

**Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda**

None

**BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

**Public Presentation on FY17 Budget**

The board presented the FY17 Budget to those in attendance and answered questions from the public.

**Public Presentation on ACT 46**

The board gave a presentation on ACT 46 to those in attendance and received the following questions and comments from the public:

Do you think people from the other towns (given the rivalry) would consider this?

Who determines the details of this plan (where a middle school would be, etc.)?

Would students going off-island have school choice?  
What's the cost of sending students off-island?  
Will the ACT 46 committee make one proposal?  
Why can't the committee make two proposals and let the citizens choose which they prefer?  
Why is 6<sup>th</sup> grade not included?  
What are the penalties?  
What were the survey results?  
Is Alburgh still looking into aligning with Sheldon?  
Would it be subject to the Rescind voting laws?  
Would any island schools close?  
How do the tax rate compare between the towns? Is any town going to be shocked?  
What happens if all 5 towns don't pass the proposal? Could another proposal be submitted?  
Some concern for Accelerated timeline being too fast, given all the communication that needs to take place.  
Much support for K-6 structure  
Much support for a non-binding vote on several options in March.

#### **Approval of Bills for Payment**

Carol Miller moved to pay bills in the amount of \$62,574.19. Approved 5-0.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING**

Budget Warning reviewed and signed.

Gary Marckres received correspondence from Andy Julow asking if the board would consider side by side board meetings once a month with the North Hero school board.

#### **AGENDA BUILDING**

Principal's Report  
ACT 46 Update  
Assessment Data Review  
Budget to Actuals  
Highlights of Audit

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURN**

Don Bartlett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Approved 5-0.

#### **MINUTES CERTIFICATION:**

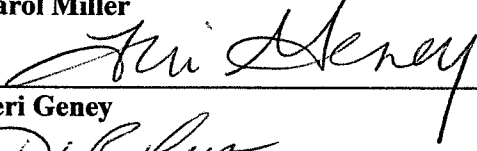
**Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:  
February 8, 2015**



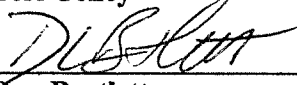
**Gary Marckres, Chair**



**Carol Miller**



**Teri Geney**



**Don Bartlett**



**Mike Talbot**