

# South Hero School Board

Meeting **Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018** at Folsom Education & Community Center

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to order at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions

In attendance:

-Board members: David Cain, Melanie Henderson, Tim Maxham, Bentley Vaughan

-Staff: Don Van Nostrand, Julie Pidgeon, Rob Gess, Helen Bishop

-Audience: Jim Jones (LCATV), Bill Banas, Kari Banas, Mike Wickenden, Andre Bertmann, Sue Bumbeck

### Adjustment of Agenda

-The board added an executive session after public comment for an interview with a candidate for interim principal.

### Approval of the Minutes

-T. Maxham moved and D. Cain seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 1, 2018, meeting. Approved on a voice vote

-T. Maxham moved and B. Vaughan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on Feb. 6, 2018. Approved on a voice vote.

-T. Maxham moved and D. Cain seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on Feb. 11, 2018. Approved on a voice vote.

### Public Comments

The public had no comment.

### Board Discussion & Action

1) Interim Principal: D. Cain moved and B. Vaughan seconded that the board go into Executive Session to interview an interim principal candidate. The board went into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. Superintendent Van Nostrand joined the board. The board came out of executive session at 7:02 p.m.

- D. Cain said the board interviewed a candidate and intends to offer the position to him. M. Henderson said she felt the school community would like the interim principal and noted the process needed to move quickly because of the timing.

-Anticipated Appointment of Interim Principal: D. Cain made a motion for the superintendent to offer a contract and negotiate terms with Matthew Brankman to serve as interim principal. T. Maxham seconded the motion. Approved on a voice vote.

2) Discuss & Prepare for Annual School Meeting: M. Henderson shared her presentation on Act. 46. The presentation reviews the points the Board made in its Act 46 report to the state. The board is scheduled to meet with the Secretary of Education on Feb. 16. D. Cain then shared the presentation on the budget.

The board discussed clarifications and edits to the presentations.

B. Banas asked if the board would have slides with more clarification on specific budget points. D. Cain said he intended to share that information in questions and answers. J. Pidgeon suggested that the board add slides that highlight specifics in the budget. The board discussed whether to point out that the only staff changes are related to specific student needs.

D. Cain asked board members to send suggestions for the presentation. D. Cain thanked the public for attending the meeting and noted it would be a tough year, and the board wished it did not have to ask for an increase. K. Banas asked if it would be helpful to send out information to the PTO email list. D. Cain said he would send her information. T. Maxham said he would direct people to their town reports by page and code to help people follow any discussion.

3) M. Henderson noted the South Hero Board was meeting for a 30-minute appointment with the Secretary of Education on Feb. 16 in Montpelier. M. Henderson shared the secretary's specific questions. The board discussed its answers to the secretary's questions and how best to explain South Hero's position related to the requirements of Act 46. M. Henderson, T. Maxham and D. Van Nostrand will represent South Hero.

4) R. Gess will attend the South Hero Town Meeting. D. Van Nostrand is unclear whether he will be able to attend.

Board Action

-Approval of Bills for Payment. D. Cain asked if there was payment to the solar company. B. Vaughan said there was. B. Vaughan moved the board pay its bills. T. Maxham seconded. Approved.

Executive Session

D. Cain moved, and T. Maxham seconded the board go into Executive Session to discuss a student matter. Approved. The board went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. D. Van Nostrand joined the board. The board came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Adjourn

The board adjourned at 8:52 p.m. D. Cain made a motion to adjourn; B. Vaughan seconded the motion. Approved.

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