

Minutes Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__

Dave Davis _____

Judith Wimble _____

Jennifer Gariety _____

Bridget Brisson _____

Mason Maltais _____

North Hero School Board

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 | North Hero School

Board Present: Mason Maltais (chair) and Jennifer Gariety; Bridget Brisson was appointed to the board at 6:37PM.

Administration Present: Rob Gess (Business Manager)

Guests: None

Call Meeting to Order

R. Gess called to order at 6:34PM.

Reorganization of the Board

R. Gess asks if there are any nominations for chair. J. Gariety nominates M. Maltais. R. Gess calls for a vote and the nomination passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

R. Gess turns the meeting over to M. Maltais.

M. Maltais announces the resignation of Judith Wimble effective March 12, 2018. He states Bridget Brisson is willing to continue as a school board member and asks for a motion to appoint her. J. Gariety motions to appoint B. Brisson to the school board. The motion passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

M. Maltais asks for nominations of a vice chair. Hearing none he states the position is optional and the board decides not to fill it.

M. Maltais asks for nomination of a clerk. J. Gariety nominates B. Brisson; M. Maltais seconds the nomination and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

M. Maltais states they need to appoint three representatives to the Supervisory Union Board. J. Gariety motions to appoint all three current board members to be on the GISU Board. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

M. Maltais asks for a volunteer for the Negotiations Committee. Discussion on number of members to send and timing of meetings follows. M. Maltais volunteers to be on this committee.

M. Maltais reads a note from Superintendent Don Van Nostrand regarding the executive and policy committee which recommends the board hold off on appointing members to these committees until decisions are made regarding these committees at the next SU board meeting. The board agrees and the committee nominations are added to agenda building for a future meeting.

M. Maltais states the truant officer in the past has been the Grand Isle Sheriff Department. B. Brisson motions to reappoint the Grand Isle Sheriff Department as the truancy officer. J. Gariety seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

Discussion on setting the regularly scheduled meeting time and date follows. The board will continue to meet the first Tuesday of every month but move the meeting time to 7:00PM. The board will revisit the day of the meeting at their May meeting.

The board designates their posting places as the North Hero Town Office, Supervisory Union Office, and the North Hero School.

The board designates their newspaper of record as the Islander.

M. Maltais distributes a copy of the code of ethics for Vermont School Board members and asks the members to review. He asks if there are any questions. All members present sign a copy of the code of ethics.

Pledge of Allegiance

M. Maltais leads the pledge of allegiance.

Adjustment of Agenda

None needed.

Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2018

M. Maltais asks if there are any comments or questions on the minutes. Hearing none he states they are accepted as read. All members present sign the approved minutes.

Recognition of Visitors

There are no visitors present.

Superintendent's Report

R. Gess states there were no changes to the report Don Van Nostrand circulated by email last week.

Principal's Report

M. Maltais wishes J. Resteghini a happy birthday.

J. Resteghini distributes a written principal's report as well as a copy of a recent school climate survey. He states there was almost 100% attendance at parent teacher conferences and the survey results were positive.

The Grand Isle County Sherriff, Ray Allen, visited a leadership team meeting to address teacher and staff concerns after the Parkland shooting. Appropriate response methods for different scenarios were discussed.

J. Resteghini states he has received quotes for replacing the east entrance which is no longer used and is now a safety hazard due to the large panes of glass. Wright & Morrissey quoted 12K and Able Paint & Glass quoted 11K. He is waiting for a third quote.

Security cameras are installed and ready to go. To be turned on a policy for their use needs to be approved by the board.

Business of the Board

Review of Draft Policy on School Cameras

The board reviews a policy drafted by J. Resteghini. Brief discussion on camera use follows. M. Maltais requests it be added to the next agenda for discussion and action.

Review Annual Meeting and Vote and Decide Next Steps

The board discusses the failed vote for the FY 19 school budget. They express a desire to hear feedback from the voters regarding their reasons for voting the budget down. Ideas for reaching out to the public are shared.

Discussion on scheduling a revote follows.

The board schedules a budget review meeting for March 20, 2018. B. Brisson will advertise the meeting and encourage participation for community feedback. An email will be created for the community to send suggestions to.

Review 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

The board reviews a calendar distributed by the SU office. Brief discussion on half days and in-service days follows.

Approval of Bills for Payment

J. Gariety motions to approve the warrant in the amount of \$352,260.46. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

All members present sign the warrant.

Executive Session

J. Gariety motions to enter executive session for Union Side Letter Request at 7:28PM. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

J. Gariety motions to come out of executive session at 7:42PM. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

B. Brisson motions to enter into a side agreement with the GISU NEA to add appendix A explanatory page back into the master agreement. J. Gariety seconds the motion and it passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

March 20, 2018 @ 7:00PM:

- Budget Review

April 2, 2018 @7:00PM:

- Executive & Policy Committee appointments
- Discussion and Action for School Camera Policy

May 1, 2018 @ 7:00PM:

- Regularly scheduled meeting change

Adjournment

J. Gariety motions to adjourn at 7:43PM; B. Brisson seconds and the motion passes 3-0 with no further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted, Corinn Julow

CC: Board Members

GISU Office

Principal Resteghini

Town Clerk's Office