

**South Hero School Board  
Minutes for Thursday, July 23, 2015  
At Folsom Educational and Community Center**

**6:04 p.m. - Meeting called to order** by Kris Bowser, chair

**In attendance:** Kris Bowser, chair, RJ Sweeney, Mike Bishop, and David Cain, Board members, Jenny Perry, Principal, Tim Maxham, Peter Gregg, Ken Kowalowitz, and Lisa Pendolino

**Old Business: Ken Kowalowitz, Library Board**

- Ken provided the board with an update on how the Library Board was moving along in regards to their progress with meeting the goals/objectives set forth in their strategic plan.
- Bathrooms update – Ken has discovered that the town is not required to provide restroom facilities to library patrons
- Ken asked the board to keep things like they are for to upcoming year in terms of library access and hours of operation, so they can have more time to finalize their plans
- During the library security discussion, Lisa Pendolino again shared her opinion that she feels the current state and national trend toward heightened security in schools is unnecessary and she would like to see the board focus on other issues.

**Superintendents Report: Barbara Burrington**

- Barbara was unable to attend the meeting due to previously scheduled vacation but provided the board with a detailed update on GISU activities via email.
- Barbara's update included information about Board Chairs activities as they relate to establishing the Superintendent's professional goals for 2015-16 and ACT 46 and its impact on the GISU.
- Principals from South Hero, Grand Isle, North Hero and Alburgh, along with Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support, Elaine Pentaleri, Director Curriculum and Assessment and I, met on July 9th for a full day to discuss leadership, curriculum, instruction and assessment for 2015-2016.
- ACT 46 – Updates related to how the GISU is planning to educate itself and respond to this recent legislation.
- Consolidated Federal Grant: The 2016 CFG was successfully submitted on July 13, 2015.
- Updates on Special Education Consolidation, Federal Fiscal Monitoring Update,
- Financial Management Questionnaire – This was distributed to the principal of each school for completion.

**Principal's Report: Jenny Perry**

- Maintenance & Custodial Update – new freezer unit is scheduled to be installed prior to the start of school.

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- New floor buffer was delivered in June.
- Hiring update – New 7/8 Math and Science teacher was hired (Phillip Peterson)
- Tentative Library Media Specialist position interviews took place recently.
- 2016 Technology – Chromebooks ordered for 5/6 and projector ceiling mounts and mimeo's are being ordered for the classrooms without Smart boards.

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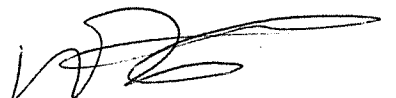
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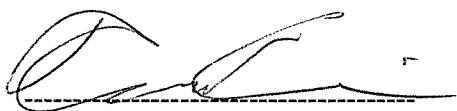
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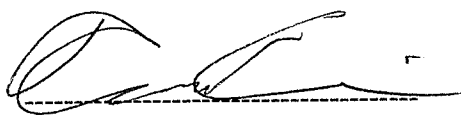
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