

South Hero School Board
Minutes for Thursday, September 3, 2015
At Folsom Educational and Community Center

6:01 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, chair

In attendance: Kris Bowser, chair, RJ Sweeney, Mike Bishop, and David Cain, Bernadette Toth Board members, Tim Maxham, Jenny Perry Principal, Barbara Burrington, Superintendent, Susan Davis, Melissa Hood, Sandy Gregg, Peter Gregg, Doug Patterson, Gretchen Patterson, Barbara Bloom, Tom Bloom, Bill Rowe, Judy Rowe, Edith Saxon, Ed Smith, Kaight Altoff, Rob Altoff, Barb Smith, Caddia Burpee, Kay Anderson, Mark Naud, Beth Curtis, Sheriff Ray Allen, and Pietro Lynn.

Public Comments:

Sandy Gregg asked the Superintendent if she had considered alternative space for the GISU administrative offices in order to save tax dollars. Barbara indicated that this is something that they have investigated in the past, and continue to research, in order to reduce costs.

Superintendents Report:

- Barbara went over the highlights of the Superintendents monthly report that she submitted via email to all of the GISU school board members. Highlights included; an update on board chairs, recent administrative retreat she conducted with the five principals, Director of Student Support, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Meghan Grube and Deb Lesure from VT Agency of Ed, and Bonnie Poe from Swift group.
- Barbara also provided an update on Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction, ACT 46, Special Ed, the fiscal monitoring update, and the Superintendents annual goals for 2015-16.

Principal's Report:

- Total school enrollment is up to 130
- Maintenance update – Freezer/cooler unit has been installed, front doors have been installed, 5/6 art windows have been installed, and soccer benches have been ordered.
- Beginning of the Year Update – It has been an incredibly and positive start to the year, the community breakfast was a success, and classroom activities focused on community really got the kids in a great frame of mind to work together.
- EPA Asbestos follow-up – Binder reviewed by consultant and The South Hero Asbestos plan has been completed and submitted the U.S. EPA

Board Discussion:

- School security – After a lengthy discussion between the school board, school administrators, library trustee members, community members, and the GISU attorney, the board decided to stick with the plan from out 8/6/15 board meeting.
- The plan from the 8/6/15 meeting is that there will be no use of school bathroom facilities by public library patrons and that volunteers recruited by the library trustees will escort library patrons from the front door of the school to the library. These requirements are to go into effect immediately.
- ACT 46 updates were also discussed.

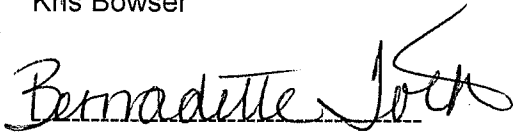
Board Action:

- Motion made by Mike Bishop to approve the 8/6/15 and 8/27/15 school board meeting minutes. Seconded by David Cain. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Bernadette Toth to pay the bills. Seconded by Mike Bishop. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mike Bishop to pay the bills for 8/20/15. Seconded by RJ Sweeney. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Kris Bowser that in light of additional committee work related to ACT 46 and contract negotiations, that we have one regularly scheduled board meeting per month. Seconded by RJ Sweeney. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mike Bishop that we sign the contract for Martha Commins. Seconded by Bernadette Toth. Unanimously approved.

8:32 p.m. - Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mike Bishop. Seconded by RJ Sweeney. Unanimously approved.



Kris Bowser



Bernadette Toth

Mike Bishop



David Cain

M. Sweeney

RJ Sweeney

