

**Minutes Thursday, October 27, 2016 South Hero School Board Special Meeting
At Folsom Education & Community Center**

6:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by Dave Cain.

In Attendance: Dave Cain, Bernie Toth, Bentley Vaughan, Board members; Lenny Badeau, Principal; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; David Hobbs, Melanie Henderson, Peter Gregg, Sandy Gregg, Jen Lyon-Horne, Kari Banas, Fred Heslop, Doug Patterson, Gretchen Patterson, Everett Dubuque, Ethelyn Dubuque, Jessica McAllister, Bart Wilcox, Caley Wilson, Adam Wilson, Kathy Robinson, Elissa Giroux, Tonya Poutry, Julie Pidgeon, Ken Kowalowitz, Helen Bishop, Farryl Bertmann, Andre Bertmann, Jenn Buckner

Adjustment of Agenda:

- none

Public Comments:

- Kari Banas asked Bart Wilcox if he thinks all islands towns would benefit from K-8. Bart said yes
- Several community members encouraged the presentations to focus on the purview of the vote and not branch out into speculation

Board Discussion:

Planning Session for Community Forums

- David Hobbs presented the findings of the K-6 Subcommittee. The K-6 Subcommittee felt that all of the information presented by the Act 46 Committee is sound, and only requires simplification to better educate voters.
 - Reviewed the study by the Act 46 Island Merger Committee item by item and found no factual errors.
 - Recommended to the School Board to fill in more specifics about South Hero's data, as the study was Island-wide.
 - Recognized that the Educational Quality Standards are not out yet, and so judging South Hero programming against the EQSs is difficult.
- Melanie Henderson presented the findings of the K-8 Subcommittee
 - Reviewed that if the Merger in November does not go through, they recommended a merger with Georgia.
 - Dave Cain asked if the Committee had disregarded a stand-alone option; they have not, but Georgia is the foremost recommendation being made. Reviewed Georgia's options and the possibility of losing high school choice.
- Dave Cain proposed, structurally, to have the Board make the initial presentation on the findings of the Act 46 Committee, and then turn it over to the K-8 Committee, and then open the floor for public comments. Bentley Vaughan and Bernie Toth agreed to that

proposed presentation. Dave noted he will not be there for the Saturday forum, so someone else will need to do the presentation.

- Kari Banas asked that the Board add in figures that would indicate K-6 bottom line after tuitioning. Dave Cain replied he thought that he could be done based on figures presented at August's forums.
- Fred Heslop asked if the Board would bring a copy of the ballot to educate voters, as there is a lot of legalese which never brings up the phrase "Act 46". Dave Cain agreed that the Board would do voter education on the ballot itself.

Board Action:

- Bernie Toth made a motion to approve the mMnutes from 10-06-16, motion passed unanimously
- Bernie Toth made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: none

Board Correspondence/Sharing: none

Follow-up/Old Business: none

Meeting officially adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

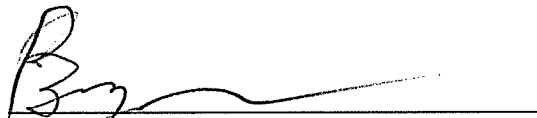
- Next Board meeting will be November 3rd, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
- Public Forum will be held November 3rd, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Forum will be held November 5th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

All to be held at Folsom Education and Community Center



Dave Cain

Bernadette Toth



Bentley Vaughan