

**Minutes Thursday, December 1, 2016 South Hero School Board Meeting
At Folsom Education & Community Center**

6:04 Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, Board Chair

In Attendance: Kris Bowser, Dave Cain, RJ Sweeney, Bentley Vaughan, Board members; Lenny Badeau, Principal; Barbara Burrington, Superintendent; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; Lynn Carpenter GISU Business Manager; Ariana Middlemiss, Folsom Food Service Manager; Tim Maxham, Melanie Henderson, Kari Banas, Farryl Bertman, Jessica McAllister, Kathryn Hayward

Adjustment of Agenda:

- Kris Bowser, Board Chair, moved presentation by Ariana Middlemiss, Food Service Manager re: Kitchen Upgrades to the first item.

Kitchen Upgrade Presentation, by Ariana Middlemiss, Food Service Manager

- Presented her wish list for the kitchen, including necessary upgrades to the smaller kitchen items. Explained that the current set of pots and pans burn everything that is cooked in them, other items have begun to rust, dishwasher racks are broken etc.. Requested upgrades would make the kitchen more efficient and safe.

Superintendent's Report, presented by Barbara Burrington, Superintendent

Highlights:

- Spring NECAP science tests scores are back, and included. Principal Badeau will be able to look into score breakdowns and assess changes which need to be made; Superintendent Burrington encouraged Principal Badeau to bring that report to the Board after he has had time to review. Folsom scores were below state averages at both 4th and 8th grade levels.
- Superintendent Burrington was in Folsom yesterday doing observation and feels very positively about programming.
- Special Education costs increasing this year and into the next for Folsom. Superintendent Burrington encouraged the Board to invite Beth Hemingway to come speak about the model and how Folsom might meet the coming needs.
- High School Enrollment update: 66 students in in-state public high school, 5 in in-state private.

Principal's Report, presented by Lenny Badeau, Principal

Highlights:

- Hay Day on November 16th was awesome! Wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents involved in the school.
- Gym staging has been upgraded and the process is underway, but not sure that it will be done in time for the Winter Concert, which will be held December 14th.

- Mike Burke, who worked with drainage system, coming 12/2/16 to evaluate the area for tree placement proposed by Garden Committee
- Food Increase to make sure Folsom is compliant w state/national regulations. Breakfasts will be \$2.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults, and lunch will be \$2.80 for students, and \$4.00 for adults; milk will be \$0.50. Increases planned to come into effect January 1, 2017.

Board Discussion:

FY18 Budget

- No new information.
- Equalized per pupil spending should be out mid/late December.
- Kris Bowser asked Superintendent Burrington about the timeline, and if it would make sense to meet again in December. With all the information coming out, Board agreed it was reasonable to schedule two meetings for January.
- In the intervening time, Board members will review the data presented by Lynn Carpenter, and Principal Badeau will evaluate teacher needs and Superintendent Burrington will evaluate to see what things are now under the purview of the SU and will not need to be included in Folsom's budget. Discussion will continue in January.

Board Action:

- Kris Bowser made motion to allocate Robinson Gift to support kitchen upgrades, pursuant that they're in line with ServSafe/HACCP. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bentley Vaughan made motion to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dave Cain made motion to approve minutes for October 27, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
- RJ Sweeney made motion to approve minutes for November 17, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made a motion to authorize Melanie Henderson to speak on behalf of the Board to gauge interest of Georgia and Alburgh and report back to the Board on her findings. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:32p.m.. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Farryl Bertman encouraged the Board to make sure all items requested by the Food Service Manager are compliant with federal regulations.
- Tim Maxham asked if Melanie Henderson had an update from the Act 46 Subcommittee, wanted to know what Folsom's next steps would be.
- Melanie Henderson planned to attend the 12/6/16 Georgia meeting, and was looking to see from the Board if she had the authority to have a formal discussion or an informal discussion with Georgia School Board members.
 - Dave Cain expressed his desire to have clear answers as soon as possible, and is interested in putting something on the March Ballot. He expressed that he was not interested in pursuing any mergers which did not yield the benefits associated with Act 46.

- o RJ Sweeney spoke in favor of caution, as if the Legislature were to do anything those changes wouldn't be known until late May/June 2017. Kari Banas agreed.
- o The Board agreed Melanie Henderson and Bentley Vaughan were authorized speak to with Georgia in an official capacity to ascertain where Georgia stands before moving on any other options.

Executive Session: none

Board Correspondence/Sharing: none

Follow-up/Old Business: none


Meeting officially adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meetings will be:


- January 5th, 2017 at 6:00p.m. Folsom Education and Community Center
- January 12th, 2017 at 6:00p.m. Folsom Education and Community Center (tentative)




Kristina Bowser



RJ Sweeney



Dave Cain



Bentley Vaughan