

Minutes Thursday, April 7, 2016 South Hero School Board
At Folsom Education & Community Center

6:00pm Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, School Board Chair

In attendance: Kris Bowser, Dave Cain, RJ Sweeney, Bernie Toth, Bentley Vaughan, Board members; Barbara Burrington, Superintendent; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; Tim Maxham, Julie Pidgeon

Adjustment of Agenda: none

Public Comments: none

Superintendent's Report, presented by Barbara Burrington, Superintendent

Highlights:

- GISU Board was reorganized: Louise Koss (ILM), Chair; Trevor Creller (ALB), Vice Chair; Ellen Noris (GISU), Clerk
- Job has been posted to look for a new Director of Curriculum, Assessment, Data & Technology. Kerry Sewell has agreed to serve as a mentor to the new Director during the 2016-2017 school year
- Regional Calendars have been approved and sent to the AoE.
- School Nurse, Kit Daniels, is retiring after many years of service. She is taking the lead on finding her replacement. The pool of candidates so far is limited but talented.
- Audit Update: Angolano & Co. has yet to provide final audit report. State deadline was March 31, and we have been told we should have it in the first week of April. The AoE has frozen our reimbursements until this situation is resolved, which Angolano & Co. hopes to do within the next two weeks.
- Audit Bid Update: Bids for auditors closed on March 30, 2016, two are within budget and will be further evaluated
- Barbara Burrington spoke about Special Education & H.850, and how it will change funding for special education at Folsom and GISU, as well as Beth Hemingway's efforts lobbying AoE on our behalf.

Principal's Report. Jenny Perry was absent from this meeting due to illness, so Board Members perused and noted highlights. Report topics will be further discussed at next meeting.

Board Discussion:

- ACT 46 Discussion introduced by Kris Bowser, Board Chair
 - No final decisions made in GISU committee.
 - Winooski, Colchester, and South Burlington have all expressed interest in some kind merger with the Islands
 - Act 46 Community Forum held March 19 in Grand Isle, and South Hero was well-represented. Public support appeared to be for some kind of merger,

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- possibly a side-by-side, with South Burlington, rather than Winooski and Colchester
- Kris Bowser and Tim Maxham went on a tour of South Burlington Middle School, and reported back positively on the scope and scale of the opportunities that South Burlington is able to offer their students.
 - Board discussion about the fact that there is no option for things at Folsom to stay as they are, and so the Board has to make clear to the public that they are pursuing the best option of the inevitable changes.
 - North Hero, Isle La Motte and South Hero Board Chairs will meet with South Burlington Board Chair & Superintendent on April 14th for further discussion
 - **Policy Manual Review:**
 - The Policy on Prevention of Harassment of Student (F20), and Hazing (Code F24), need to be rescinded because they've been replaced.
 - **Principal Search:**
 - There have been 14 applicants thus far, and the posting has been renewed and other potential candidates are being reached out to personally
 - Barbara Burrington, Superintendent, has met with teachers and support staff to solicit their feedback and input on the hiring process and to get volunteers.
 - The Board had a discussion regarding size and who should participate in the committee.
 - Community members and parents will be invited to participate in the process by sharing their thoughts at a community forum, date/time to be determined.
 - Hiring timeline: interviews will start May 5 at 4:30, and the Board would like to be able to make an offer by the end of May.
 - **Hiring Committee assignments:** Kris Bowser and RJ Sweeney will be on the Principal hiring committee; RJ Sweeney will be on the committee to hire the Home/School Coordinator (Behavior Support) position; Kris Bowser will be on the committee for the 5-8 science position; and Bentley Vaughan will be on the committee to hire a new 3-4 teacher.

Board Action:

- Motion to approve minutes for March 3, 2016 and March 10, 2016, Dave Cain moved to accept, motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made motion to move May meeting to Wednesday April 27th at the usual 6:00 p.m. to accommodate principal hiring committee schedule
- Bernie Toth made motion to pay bills, RJ Sweeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bernie Toth made a motion to rescind policies (F20), (F24) in favor of new updated policies, passed unanimously
- Motion to sign contracts for Triple E additional services for students for Deborah Hartshorn and Saunie Williams made by Bernie Toth, passed unanimously.
- Motion to adjourn made by Kris Bowser at 8:05, approved unanimously.

Executive Session: none

Board Correspondence/Sharing: none

Follow-up/Old Business: none

Meeting officially adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 27th at 6:00 p.m., Folsom Education and Community Center

Kristina Bowser

RJ Sweeney

Dave Cain

Bernadette Toth

Bentley Vaughan