

**SOUTH HERO SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Meeting Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**At Folsom Education & Community Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**Adjustment of Agenda**

**Minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 4, 2017 were approved unanimously**

**Attendance:** Megan Bessette, Helen Bishop, Alison Perry, Samantha Cantell, Jessica McAllister, Tom Nolan, Julie Pidgeon, Dave Hobbs, Andre Bertmann, Melissa Hood, Caley Wilson, and Kari Banas. RJ Sweeney, David Cain, Tim Maxham, Bentley Vaughan, and Melanie Henderson, Board Members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Julie Pidgeon had questions about the process for replacing staff who have resigned.
- Julie suggested that we pull together a hiring group to help with the interview process.
- Julie read a letter that was signed by staff, outlining the qualities they would like to see in our new Principal.
- Melissa Hood stated that she thinks teachers should be included in the hiring process.
- Two letters that were provided to the school board from parents (Liese and Brian Reagan, and Robert Altoff), were read to those in attendance.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Budget to Actuals – Lynne Carpenter went over current budget and answered questions from the board.
- New District Merger Legislation – Melanie provided an update on House bill 513, which makes some changes to Act 46.
- Robinson Scholarship Selection – Board discussed scholarship award amounts and the application review process.
- School Climate Survey Options – Melanie provided an update on our options for having a climate survey conducted.
- Discuss Plan for Board Retreat – Board is going to have a


- full-day retreat on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Discuss Plan to Attract Island Town Middle Schoolers – Board discussed various options for attracting middle school students from other island towns, such as offering door-to-door bussing. The plan is to put together a presentation that could be used for recruitment purposes.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher hiring committee was discussed.


**BOARD ACTION:**

- Authorize School Climate Survey – Motion made to approve climate survey to include 20 staff, 30 students, and 30 parents, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Approved unanimously.
- Authorize Selection of Robinson Scholarship – Motion made to have board member Bentley Vaughn award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. In the event of a two-way tie, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Approved unanimously. Tim Maxim will do the presentation/award speech at June 15<sup>th</sup> graduation.
- Moving the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – This meeting was moved to June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Next board meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ratify Master Agreement – David Cain gave an overview of the tentative changes to this year's master agreement. Motion made to approve this tentative agreement. Approved unanimously.
- Teacher Tom Nolan was nominated to be part of the Principal search committee.
- Approval of Bills for Payment – Motion made to pay the bills. Approved unanimously.
- Motion made to pay for Ms. Kaufield's health insurance benefits during her leave of absence in early 2018, as if she were still working at the school, with the understanding that if she does not return the following school year, she will need to pay back this benefit. Approved unanimously.
- Motion made to approve new custodian's contract (Pat Shutt). Approved unanimously.

Motion made at 8:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss a student and personnel matter. Came out of Executive Session at 9:25pm. No action taken.

**ADJOURNED AT 9:25pm**

  
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David Cain

  
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Melanie Henderson

*RJ Sweeney*

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*Bentley Vaughan*

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*Timothy E. Maxham*

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