

Minutes Approved this 5 day of Sept, 2017

Dave Davis [Signature]

Judith Wimble [Signature]

Jennifer Gariety [Signature]

Bridget Brisson [Signature]

Mason Maltais [Signature]

North Hero School Board
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 | North Hero School

Board Present: Dave Davis (chair), Bridget Brisson, Mason Maltais, Judith Wimble (7:10PM), and Jennifer Gariety

Administration Present: Don Van Nostrand (Superintendent), Rob Gess (Business Manager), Joe Resteghini (Principal)

Guests: None

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by D. Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance

D. Davis leads the pledge of allegiance.

Adjustment of Agenda

Under New Business D. Davis adds Abbey Group Contract approval.

Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2017

D. Davis asks if there are any comments or questions on the minutes. Hearing none he states they are accepted as read.

Recognition of Visitors

None present.

Superintendent's Report

Don Van Nostrand states a written report was distributed to the board via email. He introduces Rob Gess as the new Business Manager.

Isle La Motte Pre-K Partnership Agreement has been given to the board for review. Discussion on the agreement, why it is required, and what was done in the past follows.

M. Maltais motions to authorize D. Davis to sign the agreement as presented. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

D. Davis signs the agreement.

Principal's Report

A written report has been distributed to the board for review. J. Resteghini gives a brief review of his recent attendance at the Snelling Institute as well as an update on summer school and Eagle Care activities happening at the school.

Student Handbook

A copy of the revised Student Handbook has been distributed to the board. J. Resteghini states he would like board input and approval.

J. Gariety states an acknowledgement form should be required. J. Resteghini agrees and states it will be sent home with registration paperwork.

Discussion around the most significant changes, social media and student behavior, follows.

J. Wimble motions to approve the student handbook as presented. M. Maltais seconds the motion and it passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

B. Brisson is asked to reformat and edit the handbook.

New Business

Budget to Actuals

R. Gess distributes the budget to actual report. He reviews the new requirements of H85 and reporting healthcare savings.

Discussion on field trip, library tuition, and supervisory union assessments follows.

Approval of Bills for Payment

J. Gariety questions a bill for Casey Mechanicals. J. Resteghini states it is ok to pay.

J. Gariety motions to approve FY17 bills in the amount of \$22,654.60. J. Wimble seconds the motion and it passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

J. Gariety motions to approve FY18 bills in the amount of \$8551.82. B. Wimble seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

All members present sign both warrants.

Contracts

D. Davis sates they have three contracts to sign; Maria Briggs 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Mary Ellen Hutchins instructional assistant, and Sally Dixon behavioral interventionist.

J. Wimble motions to accept the contract for Mary Ellen Hutchins as instructional assistant for the school year July 1st, 2017, to June 30, 2018. J. Gariety seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

M. Maltais motions to accept the contract for Maria Briggs as 3rd and 4th grade teacher for the school year July 1st, 2017, to June 30, 2018. J. Gariety seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

J. Gariety motions to accept the contract for Sally Dixon as behavioral interventionist for the school year July 1st, 2017, to June 30, 2018. M. Maltais seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

All members present sign each contract.

Discuss Policy Code A-3: Policy Dissemination, Administration, and Review

D. Van Nostrand distributes copies of the A-2 and A-3 policy for the board to review. A-3 states the board will periodically review policies. D. Van Nostrand asks the board how they would like to be notified of a potential policy review and how much notice they would need. After brief discussion the board asks to be notified by email five days prior to a meeting at which a policy is scheduled for review.

Discuss Policy Code A-2: Policy Development and Adoption

This policy states the board will adopt policies according to state law which requires a ten day period of public notice. D. Van Nostrand asks the board what their current review practice before policy approvals is. After brief discussion the board agrees moving forward there should be a first reading to allow for revisions followed by the ten day notice period allowing for adoption at the meeting following review.

Abby Contract

D. Van Nostrand states their current contract with the Abby Group, which provides school lunches, is expired but has the option for one year renewal. The board discusses the current lunch program with the principal.

J. Wimble motions to approve a one year renewal of the contract with the Abby Group for school year FY18. M. Maltais seconds the motion and it passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

Old Business

Preschool Enrollment Policy

The board reviews the policy and discusses placement of out of town residents with an IEP. D. Van Nostrand states the lawyer review was not received in time to incorporate into this draft. J. Resteghini and D. Van Nostrand will draft a final version of the policy with a ten day notice period so the policy may be approved at next meeting if the board wishes.

King Fund Status and Policy

D. Van Nostrand offers to research the King Fund.

Executive Session

J. Wimble motions to go into executive session at 8:13PM for personnel reasons; J. Gariety seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

The board came out of executive session at 8:48PM.

M. Maltais motions to grant an additional three credits tuition reimbursement to Hannah Pelkey in accordance with section 10.5 of the collective bargaining agreement. J. Wimble seconds the motion and it passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

The board directed the Superintendent to hire a tax attorney, if not cost prohibitive, to issue a legal opinion on the tax burden of the District in regard to Policy Code F14A: Tuition Waiver for Dependents of Administrators and Teachers.

Adjournment

M. Maltais motions to adjourn at 8:51PM; J. Wimble seconds and the motion passes 5-0 with no further discussion.

Agenda Building

September 5, 2017:

- King Fund Policy
- Budget to Actuals
- Preschool Enrollment Policy- Approval

Respectfully Submitted, Corinn Julow

CC: Board Members
GISU Office
Principal Resteghini
Town Clerk's Office