

South Hero School Board Minutes August 3, 2017 - ~~SECRET~~

Attendees:

Board: David Cain, Bentley Vaughn, Melanie Henderson, Tim Maxham, R.J. Sweeney

Principal Susan McKelvie, Superintendent Donald Van Nostrand, Business Manager Rob Gess

Bill Banas, Kari Banas, Jen Lyon-Horne, Elaine Chasse, Thomas Chasse, Kaight Althoff

Call to Order 6:04pm

Adjustment to Agenda - the following was added to the agenda

- Recommendation for more summer custodial staffing
- Approve Home/School Coordinate Contract
- Approve MOU with Learning Adventure
- Sign amended teacher contract to correct error

The Board approved the minutes of July 6, 2017

Public Comments - Jen Lyon-Horne and Bill Banas asked for an update on the special educator hiring process

Superintendent's Report - The Board received the written superintendent's report. Donald introduced the new business manager, Rob Gess, and discussed the mentoring program happening in the islands.

Principal's Report - The Board received the written principal's report. Susan discussed the hiring of a new Home/School Coordinator, recognized Sam Cantell for winning STEM teacher of the year, and noted that the custodial staff was doing an excellent job over the summer.

Board Discussion

Budget to Actuals - The board received the Budget to Actuals report. Rob discussed the deliverables he was working to get for the state. Lines on the budget report were discussed by the board.

Principal Introduction to the Community - A discussion occurred on the topic of community outreach and communications, including reaching out to other community members other than parent. The PTO is heading up the event to introduce Susan and the Board asked that the PTO let them know if any support was needed.

Act 46 Update - Melanie reported that she had a discussion with Don about the Act 46 history in South Hero and plans going forward. Melanie is currently drafting the report for the state to request that South Hero be left a stand alone district. There was a discussion on the 3-1 plan for the other island towns.

Support Staff Compensation - This discussion was held off until executive session as it required discussion of a personnel matter.

Retreat Discussion - The board continued planning for their upcoming retreat, including inventorying the data needed for the retreat.

Custodial Request - Susan recommended that the Board authorize an additional 20 hours of summer custodial work from Kay Shutt to complete the desired custodial work.

Policy Discussion - Policy Codes A2 & A3 were introduced by Don and discussed. Going forward Don will bring policies to the Board regularly to review.

Board Action

- Motion to approve an additional 20 hours for Kay Shutt for summer custodial work - Unanimously approved
- Motion to approve the MOU with Learning Adventure - Unanimously approved
- Motion to offer a contract to Laurie Barron for the Home School Coordinator position - Unanimously approved
- Motion to pay the bills under both the 2017 budget and the 2018 budget - Unanimously approved

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:50 and adjourned.



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Barron

Melanie Henderson

Timothy E. Mapham