

**South Hero School Board
Minutes for Thursday, August 6, 2015
At Folsom Educational and Community Center**

6:05 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, chair

In attendance: Kris Bowser, chair, RJ Sweeney, Mike Bishop, Bernadette Toth, and David Cain, Board members, Jenny Perry, Principal, Barbara Burrington, Superintendent, Tim Maxham, Peter Gregg, Sandy Gregg, Melissa Hood, Diane Clayborne, Jessica Valens, Lynn ?, Meg Wickenden, and Julie Sigfried.

Superintendents Report: Barbara Burrington

- Barbara provided an update from a recent Act 46 implementation process meeting that took place with the state.
- She has been working on her goals with the GISU board
- Gave an update on the various projects she's working on and which ones are the most time-sensitive and highest priority in nature.
- Barbara outlined how she plans to inform the various school boards with a unified monthly report. She described it as being a comprehensive "Central Office Leadership Team Report".
- Barbara is also working on the state mandated special education services consolidation.

Board Discussion:

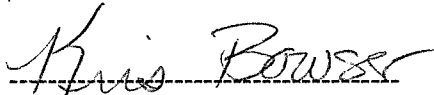
- An extensive conversation took place with members of the Library Board, community members, and the School Board, regarding possible solutions to address the library security issue.
- Possible solutions discussed included, doing nothing for a year in order to allow the Library Board to find an alternative location, adjusting the library's community hours so they do not overlap with when the school is open, not allowing community patrons access to any of the schools bathrooms, and having the library recruit members from the community to help oversee community members who visit the library and use the bathroom facilities.
- After much discussion, the school board agreed to allow library hours of operation to remain the way they are for three months, so the boards can research additional options to address security, and so the Superintendent can do some follow-up research related to this issue as well.
- Act 46 – Kris shared her notes from a recent state-sponsored meeting that she attended. The meeting covered different examples of cost savings that could come as a result of consolidating. Also, it appears that, for now, school choice will remain.

Board Action:

- Motion made by Mike Bishop to approve the 6/18, 6/24, and 7/23 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Bernadette Toth. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Kris Bowser that we leave things the way they are in terms of library access and hours of operation for three months, so the two boards can research the various security options proposed, in addition to possible new ideas. Seconded by Mike Bishop. Approved by 3 board members, opposed by two.
- Motion made by David Cain that we participate in the island study related to possible ways to implement Act 46. Seconded by Kris Bowser. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Bernadette Toth to pay the bills. Seconded by RJ Sweeney. Unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mike Bishop to accept the School Librarian contract for Cornelia Thoma. Seconded by Bernadette Toth. Unanimously approved.

8:37 p.m. - Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mike Bishop. Seconded by Kris Bowser. Unanimously approved.

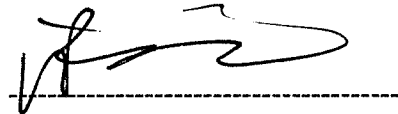
Next School Board meeting is on Thursday, August 20th, at Folsom.



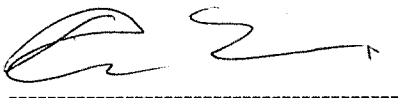
Kris Bowser



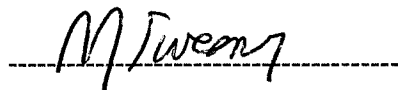
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RJ Sweeney