

**Minutes Thursday, November 3, 2016 South Hero School Board Meeting  
At Folsom Education & Community Center**

**5:30 p.m.** Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, Board Chair

**In Attendance:** Kris Bowser, RJ Sweeney, Bernie Toth, Bentley Vaughan, Board members; Lenny Badeau, Principal; Emily Bowser, Board Secretary; Lynn Carpenter, GISU Business Manager; Peter Bowser, Kari Banas, Tim Maxham, Diane Hazon, Neil Hazon, Melanie Henderson, Edith Hunt, Peter Gregg

**Adjustment of Agenda:**

- Adding Executive Session

**Superintendent's Report**, presented by Barbara Burrington, Superintendent

Highlights:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment data going out to schools to go home to parents with a cover letter from the SU to educate them on how best to interpret.
- Invited all Board members to the next SU meeting, as Lynn Carpenter will be going over spikes in unanticipated spending.
- Audit finished on Tuesday (11/1), more to look into but the auditor will submit a full review upon completion of that process.

**Principal's Report**, presented by Lenny Badeau, Principal

Highlights:

- Enrollment at 137
- Celebrating the success of the Open House!
- South Hero Volunteer Fire Department came in and gave grade-level presentations to improve fire safety awareness.
- First trimester ends 11/11/16, report cards sent home 11/16/16
- Encouraged community members to be mindful of the handicapped parking spaces, which are necessary to some community members and have been used during pick-up and drop-off.
- 5-8 Winter Concert on December 14th at 6:30, and full gym renovations are anticipated to be done in time.

**Board Discussion:**

FY17 Budget, lead by Lynn Carpenter & Principal Badeau

- Due to transition between outgoing Principal Jenny Perry and incoming Principal Lenny Badeau, things that were budgeted for FY16 were done in FY17. As a result, Principal Badeau looking for permission from the Board to go into deficit spending in some budget lines.
- Folsom missing Leveled Literacy Intervention 4th-7th grade readers. Has a credit for that account, would like to use Robinson Trust to purchase the missing portion LLI Gold.

- Kris Bowser acknowledged that while the intention was to keep that money localized in the gym, this is a worthy way to use the excess Robinson Trust funds
- Bernie Toth agreed, and suggested using further excess funds for kitchen upgrades, which have not been done in some time.
- Board asked Principal Badeau to have Food Manager Ariana Middlemass to make a "wish list" for how to upgrade the kitchen to be brought to a Board meeting in the future.
- Currently food service program fees are not in compliance with regulations; Folsom costs are below federal minimums. Will be raising costs to move up to \$0.02 above the legal minimum. Will get the word out November, and costs will go into effect in early December.
  - Board encouraged him, in addition to using the newsletter and the school newspaper, to send a letter home with students, and have teachers who use email newsletters send that information out.

Solar Energy Agreement from AllEarth Renewables: Group Net Metering Agreement

- 10% credit on monthly basis for energy

**Public Comments:** none

**Board Action:**

- Motion to approve minutes for October 27, 2016 postponed due to lack of quorum of Board members present at that meeting.
- Bernie Toth made motion to approve of bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made a motion to allow Principal Badeau to spend money as initially budgeted, even if this means deficit spending. Motion passed unanimously.
- RJ Sweeney made motion to allow Principal Badeau to purchase LLI Gold materials through the Robinson Fund. Motion passed unanimously.
- RJ Sweeney made motion to accept the Group Net Metering Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kris Bowser made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Requested by Lynn Carpenter, GISU Business Manager  
 Entered at 5:57 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter  
 Exited at 6:08 p.m., no action taken

**Board Correspondence/Sharing:** none

**Follow-up/Old Business:** none

Meeting officially adjourned at 6:10 p.m. so that the Act 46 Presentation could begin.

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Kristina Bowser

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RJ Sweeney

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Dave Cain

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Bernadette Toth

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Bentley Vaughan