

## South Hero School Board

Minutes for Thursday, December 17, 2015

At Folsom Educational and Community Center

6:00 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Kris Bowser, Board Chair

**In attendance:** RJ Sweeney, David Cain, Bernadette Toth, Mike Bishop, Board members, Jenny Perry, Principal, Tim Maxham, Lynne Carpenter, Windy Heyn, Doug Patterson, Joyclyn Smith, Michelle Lawrence, Chad Pigeon, Kate Altoff, Bill Chiari, Melissa Hood, Alicia Paquette, Bill Banas, Kari Banas, Lisa Pendolino, and Jeannine

6:01 p.m. – Moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

6:20 p.m. – Exited Executive Session with no action taken

### Public Comments:

A number of community members attended the meeting, so they could express their concerns over the dismissal of the boys' 7/8 basketball coach. Concern was also expressed about communication and community involvement, in general, at the school. The board took these concerns under advisement and will be looking into the issues brought forward, once the budget process gets wrapped up in January.

### Board Discussion:

- Act 46 update – Kris gave an update of what was discussed at the last Act 46 committee meeting in December. A PreK-6 Financial Model presentation was given by Mike Dewese. The model showed that we would experience significant cost savings by adopting a model that tuitioned off our middle school students. At this point, the committee is further exploring the possibility of having a K-6 district with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students being tuitioned off island. This model is going to be further explored in the next meeting that will be taking place in January. The Superintendent is also going to explore the additional costs associated with providing middle school educational resources that are going to be required by the state.
- FY17 budget discussion and review of financials provided by Lynne – The board went over the updated financials and is working hard with the administration to draft a budget that stays within in the highly restrictive percentage increase cap set forth by the state.

**Board Action:** The payables register/bills were approved

Motion made at 7:58 p.m. to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

December 3, 2015 minutes approved

8:57 p.m. - Moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

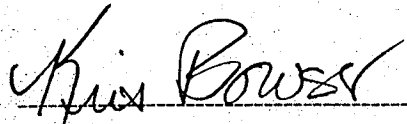
9:58 p.m. - Came out of Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjourned at 9:59 PM

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

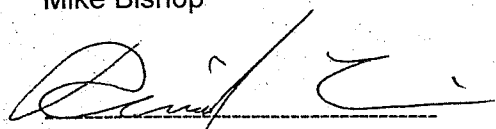
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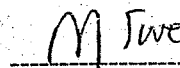
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