

South Hero BOE Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 10th, 2025 · 6:00pm

Minutes

Board Members: Bob Chutter, Kaight Althoff, Tim Maxham, Whitney Doremus

Administration: Superintendent Lisa Ruud, Principal Julie Pidgeon

Public:

Call to Order

1. **Call to Order & Introductions** - Board Member Bob Chutter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - Line item 9, minutes for last month
3. **Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard** - No citizens or staff to be heard
 - a. **Approve the minutes of**

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Bob Chutter advised that he made several revisions to last month's minutes due to inaccuracies. Tim Maxham moved to approve the minutes with Bob's revisions. Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Reports (Discussion)

4. **Principal's Report**
Julie Pidgeon provided a review of the Folsom Principal's Report before the Board.
5. **Financial Forecasting**
Superintendent Lisa Ruud provided the update that Business Manager Japheth Brubaker began his role on April 7, 2025 and will spend the next month gaining a deep understanding of financials and meeting with individual site leadership before attending the May meeting. Members are encouraged to request data that can be presented as a report next month. Improved processes will be implemented for FY26.
6. **Superintendents Update**
 - a. **FY26 Calendar**
7. **Board Discussion Topics**
 - a. Update on Grand Isle County Public Forum on Proposals to Change K-12 Education in Vermont

Board Business

8. **Approve Bills for Payment**

Voucher 1020 | \$114,719.09 | March 24, 2025

Voucher 1023 | \$570,677.00 | April 9, 2025

Kaight Althoff made a motion to approve the payment of Voucher 1020 in the amount of \$114,719.09 dated March 24, 2025 and Voucher 1023 in the amount of \$570,677.00 dated April 9, 2025 for a total of \$685,396.09. Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

9. Notification of RIF

- a. 3 paraprofessionals
- b. 1 building-based substitute
- c. 1 licensed teacher (5-8 interventionist)

10. [Request for unpaid time off MF](#) - 5 unpaid days

Tim Maxham made a motion to approve the request for 5 unpaid days. Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

11. Robinson Scholarship

Kaight Althoff started the discussion by stating that there are 2 candidates, E and G. The Board discussed the candidates and the history of the award. Bob Chutter made a motion to award 2 scholarships, to both E and G, for \$750 each. Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

12. Selection of an Interim School Treasurer

Bob Chutter started the discussion by stating that there are 2 candidates. The Board discussed the candidates. Bob Chutter made a motion to offer the role to Cynthia Spence. Tim Maxham seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Closure

13. Upcoming Events

14. Setting the Next Agenda

- a. Guest: Matt Brouillette, Director of Facilities, to discuss the current state of Folsom School and create a 5-year maintenance and repair plan

Adjourn

15. Adjournment

Kaight Althoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.