

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, February 22, 2016
At Grand Isle School

Attendance

Gary Marckres, *Chair*
Carol Miller
Don Bartlett

Eric Arnzen, *Principal*
Barbara Burrington, *Superintendent*

Call Meeting to Order

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2016

Gary Marckres moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2016. Approved 3-0.

Superintendent's Report

On January 13th there was an emergency meeting for Board Chairs to discuss the resignation of Elaine Pentelari effective February 1, 2016. The position will be posted and the hiring process will be on the March 23rd GISU Board Meeting Agenda. Dr. Kerry Sewell is serving as interim Director of Curriculum.

A primary goal for teachers and leadership teams is to continue with prioritizing the standards and developing proficiency scales. This work has been largely initiated by the SWIFT leadership team. Teacher teams in both literacy and math extensive work on release days and at the January 18th in service. This work will be ongoing throughout the year.

Teachers will be offered professional development opportunities that support programs in literacy and math.

We are preparing for the administration of the SBAC testing in grades 3-8 in all schools this spring. Kerry Sewell will ensure that this process runs smoothly.

Act 46. The bill in its final form:

- increases a district's original allowable growth percentage by an additional 0.9 percentage point – this will increase the per pupil amount any district can spend before exceeding its threshold.
- Exempts from the thresholds any district with FY2016 education spending per equalized pupil below the FY2016 statewide average education spending per equalized pupil. The FY2016 per pupil figure is \$14,094.73.
- Directs the Agency of Education to use threshold calculation that is most advantageous between the two figures issued by the Agency: the number released in August or the adjusted figures released last week.
- Changes the penalty for any district exceeding its allowable growth threshold to 40 percent of the excess.
- Repeals the thresholds for FY2018.

The GISU would like to welcome a new Speech and Language Pathologist, Carissa Hallam.

School board members are encouraged to read Act 166 as full implementation starts July 1, 2016.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Current enrollment by grade:

K-19

1st-23

2nd-14

3rd-11

4th-23

5th-21

6th-20

7th-27

8th-17

On Thursday, February 18th, the GIS Leadership Team held an off-campus retreat at Annie Brabazon's.

The Kindergarten Screening committee met (Molly, Carissa, Beth, Katie and Robin) and talked about having transition meetings with sending preschools in May/June with an orientation day sometime in August before school starts.

Math Intervention Program: Jeremy, Kate, Tracy, Lauren, Jeanette and Dorothy will be meeting on Wednesday @ 2:30. Part of this program is a visit to Williston Central. They have a pretty robust 2-tier system. Judi Maynard has worked with us as a math consultant and we are going to do some work with Judi specific to grade 3/5 grade band teachers where they will partner together with Judi during this process. They will be planning together. One teacher will deliver instruction and will be observed by the other teachers and then they will do a debriefing and go back to the planning stage to refocus and tweak a couple of things. This will go through four cycles.

GIS will have a local in-service on March 11th. The focus of that day will be Universal Design for Learning. The training will be facilitated by Mr. Farrell and Ms. Brabazon who have attended UDL coaching workshops.

SBAC has been scheduled the week of April 11-15. Teachers have undergone the test administrators certification course and will be designing schedules around SBAC practice and training tests to help prepare our students for the assessment.

There are two contracts for Julie Elkins for signature by the Board. One is the Health Assistant and the other is the Office Assistant taking over for Danielle Kinney.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION:

Gary Marckres asked Ms. Burrington about budget to actuals. Ms. Burrington stated that Beth Hemmingway is updating the Special Ed costs and reporting back. She reported that we are not in great shape. Ms. Burrington stated that things change. There are no big surprises. Lynne will bring the budget to actuals to the first meeting in March.

Update on Act 46. There is a meeting on 2/23. Ms. Burrington felt there should be more public forums.

There are no details on the Teacher's Contract Negotiations. In general, they are not fundamentally opposed. Next meeting is on March 3rd and March 9th.

Don Bartlett moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$220,218.50. Approved 3-0.

AGENDA BUILDING

Reorganize

Discussion of Budget Results

Budget to actuals

Audit Results

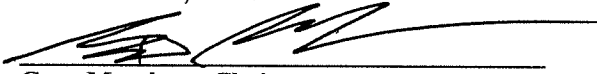
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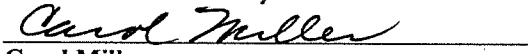
Carol Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on: March 14, 2016.



Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller

Teri Geney



Don Bartlett

Mike Talbot

