GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, April 25, 2016
At Grand Isle School

Attendance:
Gary Markres, Chair (delayed arrival)  Don Bartlett
Mike Talbot
Carol Miller, Acting Chair  Eric Amzen, Principal
Teri Geney  Richard Taylor, Spiral Intl.

Call Meeting to Order
Carol Miller called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Adjustment to Agenda
VMI Presentation postponed until next meeting

Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2016
Don Bartlett moved to approve the minutes. Approved 4-0.

Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda
None

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Spiral International
Mr. Taylor will be presenting to the board on behalf of Spiral International. He will be giving an update on the program and giving the board an idea of what to expect for the summer. He shared that feedback from last year’s summer camp (in which Grand Isle residents hosted Chinese students) has been positive. This year, Grand Isle School will again be a host site. Cathie Larson will be the site coordinator. Three weeks in July have been carved out as a window. Roughly 30 kids are expected. There will be around five or six summer camp sites in the state. It will be a nearly identical format to last year.

General Information
• After Wednesday, Eric Amzen hopes to have a clear idea of the numbers involved in the grant-funded new positions of K-8 reading and math specialists.
• He is anticipating an opening for the role of guidance counselor at Grand Isle School.
• Today, the PTA kicked off the lake monsters ticket fundraiser. Champ visited the school.
• This is Jump Rope for Heart Week. An assembly has been scheduled on Friday, where Jill Strong (jump rope champion) will present.
• The 2016 NECAP Science test window opens soon. He has been working with teachers to aid in the preparation of students for the exam.
• Eric Amzen shared a presentation that was shown to teachers and faculty before spring break specific to PBIS work. A Self Assessment Survey was taken. This dealt with Multi-Tier Support Systems and Academic and Social Behavior. Staff met in small groups to recommend action steps in each area.

BOARD DISCUSSION
Act 46 Update
Meeting tomorrow. No new updates.

Budget to Actuals Review: Mr. Amzen needs to meet with Lynne Carpenter to clarify some items.
Summer Maintenance Discussion
Eric Arzen has received budgetary approval to spend up to $50,000 on maintenance, improvements, and equipment before June 30. Lacey's Carpet will be finishing the carpeting project. The floor machine needed to be replaced. The gym floor will be replaced on the weekend of the 27. New toilet partitions will be going in. The next thing he is looking to improve is tile flooring's Phase 1 (lobby, map room, kindergarten hallway, map room bathrooms, hallway bathrooms). They will be using tile from Elegant Flooring. He has also received some quotes for the parking lot. Mike Talbot will follow up with the Select Board about combining materials order with the town. Eric Arzen also received quotes for putting locks on the doors on all the interconnecting doors between classrooms. After discussion from the board, more research will be done on this project. He also wants continue the lifecycle replacement plan for the Chromebooks. He will follow up with Lynne Carpenter on the funding for this line item.

Annex Update
Things are on track. Maintenance costs over time have been looked at. It will be long term, ongoing work for the board, but here are no real downsides. Gary Marckres communicated to Elaine Chasse of Learning Adventure that School Board would honor any lease agreement she signed with the Select Board.

Approval of Bills for Payment
Gary Marckres moved to approve bills in the amount of $56,193.78. Approved 5-0.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING: None

AGENDA BUILDING
Act 46 Update
VMI Presentation
Summer Maintenance Update
Staffing Configurations

Enrollment Reports
Last Student Day of School
Hiring Process
Negotiations Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN
Don Bartlett moved to adjourn at 7:53pm. Approved 5-0.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION:
Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:
May 9, 2016

Gary Marckres, Chair

Carol Miller

Teri Geney

Don Bartlett

Mike Talbot