

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

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Minutes

Board Present: Mason Maltais, Chet Bromley, Stacy Gould, Amy Thompson, Erin Morse, Bentley Vaughan, Tim Maxham (joined at 6:33 p.m.)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Megan DeVinny

Public Present: Michael Wright (LCATV)

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Mason Maltais called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - none
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 3/24/2020 - Chet Bromley motions to approve the minutes. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Accept resignation of Bethany True - Mason Maltais motions to accept resignation. Bethany is a special educator within the GISU. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.

Reports

5. Superintendent's Report - Updates of Continuity of Learning Plan and COVID 19 operations
Michael Clark expressed that he has shared updates at individual board meetings including updates related to COVID 19 and Continuity of learning plan. The continuity of learning plan and an "at a glance" document is available at the GISU website. This has been submitted and approved by the VT AOE. Complimentary document is being created to define learning targets; this is being developed by teams throughout the GISU. Continue to deliver food to students - distribution occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays. Wifi hotspots are available at each of the school buildings - featured on MYNBC 5 last week! Sent early this evening a supplemental Superintendent report - this document highlights challenges with the Ed fund. The Ed fund is estimated to run a \$69 million deficit. This will have implications as well as the CARES money. Admin team has discussed reviewing the budget and finding opportunities for saving. There is nothing for us to do right this second, but will be aware as the model becomes more clear as stimulus bills pass. Budgets have been passed, except in Alburgh. Working with Lynn, Lynn & Blackman to submit a brief regarding appeal to management decision letter. This is a strong document. Have asked attorneys if this may be released to the board and will have more info after their answer.

Financial Report

Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals sent with the board packet. Special ed is showing to be under budget and central office/ general operations is showing to be over budget. Anticipate that this may change given the remote work setting. Been able to work with finance staff to get everyone working from home. Haven't had much in expenditures related to COVID; accounts have been set up to track any expenses though. Have standardized the timesheets throughout the GISU to assist in processing during this time. Audit deadlines have been extended until June, we intend to have it complete by May 31. Have a phone call scheduled with auditors to discuss

timeline and expectations. Fiscal monitoring continues with the AOE. They have everything they need and have the expectation to have a report by tomorrow of what else is required prior to the release of funds. They have expressed positive feedback related to documentation and processing. No delay in implementation of new chart of accounts that will be effective July 1, 2020.

Board Business.

7. Update on Appeal - Michael Clark shared information during the Superintendent report.
8. Update on audits - Michael Clark and Rob Gess have covered this in their reports as well.
9. Other - Chet Bromley is looking for data related to unemployment within the Grand Isle County and how this may affect the budgets and spending that may be passed onto tax payers. Mason Maltais indicated that he will pass this along to the negotiations committee to take into consideration.

Closure

15. Setting the next agenda - ongoing education landscape during COVID 19- funding, legislation, last day of school, start up in August/September - if any updates are possible
 - 16 . Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
- Meeting adjourns at 7:10 p.m.