

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, May 8, 2017
At Grand Isle School

Present:

Gary Marckres, Chair, Carol Miller, Don Bartlett, Mike Talbot, Nathan Robinson

Eric Arnzen, Principal, Barbara Burrington, Superintendent, Lynne Carpenter, Business Manager, Annie Brabazon, Library-Media Specialist

Members of the Selectboard: Diane Cota, Jeff Parizo

Members of the public: Rachael Griggs, Bev Giard

Meeting Brought to Order: Gary Marckres brought the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2017.

Gary Marckres moved to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2017. Approved 5-0.

Diane Cota and Jeff Parizo inquired about what will happen to the Annex property once the consolidated school board takes over. Mike Talbot explained that all school buildings in all three towns, Grand Isle, North Hero and Isle La Motte, will be assets of the consolidated district, but that there will be wording in the consolidation agreement that if the consolidated school district were to be dissolved, all school buildings will revert to their respective towns. Taxpayers will not lose their assets.

Gary Marckres asked that the board hear Annie Brabazon's presentation on her Uganda trip and the 52 Kids Foundation next. Ms. Brabazon shared that what she was presenting would be a part of what she presents to the whole school once the presentation was complete. Her highlights included a focus on empathy education through a global lens and reflection on and strengthening of teaching practices. She showed a slideshow of people, adults and students that her group met, a video of a Skype session between GI School and Annie and her group in Uganda. Ms. Brabazon indicated there is food insecurity and hunger where she visited. She also shared that her most memorable moments involved going into the villages to see where the children lived prior to their involvement with the 52 Kids Foundation and their schools they are involved with.

Superintendent's Report. (See copy of May report attached)

The next meeting of the SU Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. at North Hero School. GISU auditor, Randall Northrop, will be presenting a review of the SU audit.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 19, 2017 Early Dismissal for Students/NEA contracted half day for PD
May 29, 2017 Memorial Day (no school)
June 14, 2017 8th grade Graduation Celebration, 6:30 p.m.

Principal's Report.

Eric Arnzen updated the board on flooring replacement (Phase 2) that will take place over the summer. The work will be done on the non-asbestos areas.

Also presented for consideration were requests by the music teacher and the speech language pathologist for extensions of the deadlines for return of signed contracts.

Eric Arnzen also presented LPI data on principal review and performance. He also talked about the BEST Institute that a team from GI School will be attending this summer and that the focus of the work would be on PBIS tiers and rollout.

Board Discussion & Action.

Motion made to approve the requests by the music teacher and speech language pathologist for extensions of the deadlines for return of signed contracts for no later than June 1, 2017. Motion approved 5-0.

Next, the board discussed the residency request for the 2017-18 school year. Gary Marckres made a motion to deny both residency requests without full tuition from the sending districts. Motion approved 5-0. Barbara Burrington indicated that she would notify the family.

Carol Miller provided a teacher negotiation update and said that it had been a very positive experience.

Gary Marckres began the discussion about the FY19 transition for the current 5th grade class. He indicated that the board needed to make a decision about whether they would be offered the choice to complete 7th grade on island or off island. Barbara Burrington weighed in that this would be up to the board to vote on. She indicated that they could offer choice. She also suggested that they also gather public input and invite the families affected to the next school board meeting. Discussion ensued and Gary Marckres indicated that he would send out an email to the 5th grade families to give them an overview and an invitation to the next scheduled school board meeting.

Lynne Carpenter reported about the Budget to Actuals and indicated that she believes there is \$50,000.00 left to spend for the fiscal year, not including the estimate of \$25,000.00 work to be done at the school and not including any remaining professional development submissions or cost of field trips between now and year's end. She also talked about the school's Student Activity Fund and that an allocation decision needed to be made with the money remaining in the account after the 8th grade class money was spent on their class trip.

Approval of Bills for Payment. Gary Marckres moved to approve bills for \$75,742.74. Motion approved 5-0.

Agenda Building:

FY 16-17 encumbrance piece per Superintendent's May Report

Student Activity Fund with an allocation decision

FY 19 transition

Notify teacher's contract

8th Grade field trip presentation

Annex

Executive Session.

No executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Certification:


Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Treckman. Approved by the Board of Directors on: May 8, 2017.



Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller



Don Bartlett



Mike Talbot



Nathan Robinson