

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
South Hero School District
School Board Special Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 6 p.m.
Location: Folsom Education & Community Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

1. Call to order at 6:02 p.m. (B. Chutter)

In attendance:

-Board members: Tim Maxham, Bentley Vaughan, Bob Chutter, Erin Morse, Nathaniel Kouns

-Staff: Michael Clark, Julie Pidgeon

-Audience: Kaight Althoff

2. Public Comments

None

Board Business

3. Ratify Teacher Contract (M. Clark)(Action): B. Chutter updated the board on the work he and B. Vaughan have carried out on behalf of the board. The GISU Negotiations Team reviewed a proposal from the teachers union on Monday after back-and-forth negotiations and recommended its adoption. It would be a 2-year contract with a 1% increase to the current salary schedule plus the ability to take a step in the first year; and a 3% increase including step in the second year with the mechanism for distribution to be determined later. M. Clark clarified with Tom Nolan, association president, that the district will calculate step and column movements, and whatever is left will be added to the base. The step this year is approximately a 2.7% increase. The contract also includes some language changes that were sent to board members. B. Chutter said the stability this contract offers is important.

N. Kouns said he wondered if the board should consider the potential impact of the Education Fund on the future tax base. B. Chutter referred board members to a recent update from the Legislative Branch that the under-funding problems in the Education Fund are a 2-3 year problem to be resolved. T. Maxham confirmed that the first year of the contract would be the coming fiscal year starting July 1 and noted the budget is already approved, and M. Clark said this settlement is within what the board had budgeted. B. Vaughan said he supports the agreement.

T. Maxham moved that the board approve the language changes and salary schedule that were presented to the board as a 2-year contract with the teachers local union. B. Vaughan seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

4. Summer Food Service (M. Clark)(Possible Action): M. Clark reported to the board that yesterday the USDA extended a waiver for food service. Reimbursements will not completely cover the cost of providing food service this summer, but principal Susan McKelvie and M. Clark have decided to move forward with a summer food program. T. Maxham asked about coordination with Food for Thought. M. Clark said he has not had time to communicate with Kaight Althoff since the district learned of the waiver. T. Maxham asked about the accounting of the food service program in the spring. M. Clark said he would have more information for the board on usage and costs at the board's regular meeting on Thursday, June 18.

Closure

5. Adjourn

The board adjourned at 6:20 PM on a voice vote. B. Chutter made the motion to adjourn. B. Vaughan seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.