

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting

School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Minutes

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Board Present: Michael Inners, Chet Bromley, Amy Thompson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Laurent Thomas, Amanda Ellison, Rob Gess

Public Present: Michael Wright, Megan DeVinny

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 6/2/2020, 6/11/2020, 6/18/2020 - Chet Bromley motions to approve minutes as presented. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Inform the board of new support staff hire - Lauren Thomas updated the board on what occurred during the hiring process.
 - i. Maintenance-Jeff Clark
 - c. Approve superintendent recommendation of new hire:
 - i. Library/Media - Jessica "Kylle" Arnold Kolk - Lauren Thomas updated the board on the hiring process. Michael Inners was the board member on the hiring committee. Michael Inners motions to approve, Chet Bromley second. All in favor of approving Superintendent's recommendation, motion passes.

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his written report. Highlighted the Community Google Hangout that took place on June 24. This presentation & recording is on the GISU website under the Superintendent COVID communication page. Also highlighted that we have received the letter from the VT AOE. This contained recognition of the progress made over the year towards improving the "high risk" status. This letter changes the GISU from having to report fiscal monitoring on a monthly basis to a quarterly basis. We are in the process of developing the opening plan. The AOE guidance is out - these links were shared in the community letter that went out last week. More guidance is coming, but slowly. Goal for GISU to have our opening plan completed by the end of July. There are community review sessions on July 22 and July 29 and welcome board members to join. Local schools will adapt a plan for individual building opening as well. Michael Inners expressed concern about the VT AOE published guidance. Amy Thompson asked about keeping students home and continuing remote learning. Michael Clark shared that some districts are surveying parents' willingness to continue remote learning. However, The AOE is expected to publish more guidance on this and so GISU is waiting for this guidance and expects that the Leadership team will be delving into this further.
- b. Principal - Amanda Ellison shared that licensed positions are filled. Principals are working on several versions of the schedule for the upcoming school year, taking into consideration the many

scenarios. Food service program continues this summer - doing our best to advertise to ensure those that need meals can access them.

- c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals contained in the packet. Looks to be a large surplus through additional revenues not budgeted and decreased spending on afterschool programs. Food service program has broken even. Frontline has been rolled out for the Central Office and has been rolled out to administrators within the Grand Isle Campus first and will roll out for North Hero shortly. COVID expenditures a little over \$45,000 that will be submitted for reimbursement. Michael Clark commended the Finance team on being able to track COVID expenditures so well.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Chet Bromley motions to approve the bills presented (\$171,359.53) and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passes.

7. Set a board retreat date and agenda - Based on Doodle Poll, the board retreat will take place on Tuesday, July 28 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Michael Clark suggested an in-person and virtual option. Michael Inners suggests using the Grand Isle Library or the GISU conference if the library is too hot. Michael Clark will send out a survey to gauge in person attendance and lunch preferences for those who attend in person. The agenda will include VSBA training and self-assessment tools, the goals that the board will like to set including: program evaluations, quarterly reporting , conversation about the Isle La Motte building, North Hero building space, and the Principal attendance and participation at board meetings. Michael Inners suggests adding in a board work plan and educational goals and outcomes. Michael Clark clarified that this will be an opportunity for the board to set program goals and evaluations for principals to be working towards.

8. Program Evaluations - Michael Inners shared that he does not feel that based on the agenda set for the board retreat, this needs to be discussed right now.

9. Model Policy - electronic communications - Michael Clark shared this is a new required policy. The policy presented was taken from the VSBA model policies and tailored to the GISU. Michael Clark shared that as a model policy has been reviewed by VSBA's attorney's. Michael Inners shared concerns with some of the sections in the policy. Michael Clark made note and will bring to the VSBA's attention.

10. Isle La Motte Assets - Michael Clark said that at the retreat, the vision for the use of the building will be discussed. There are several ideas that the admin team has come up with. By statute, the Board cannot close the Isle La Motte school at this time - the Board has chosen to not operate grades, but the building will still need to be used for educational purposes. Once an educational use of the building is established, then assets will be moved to the other campuses as needed. The infrastructure will remain in place. At some point if there is unused extra material, the board will need to authorize a process. Michael Clark reviewed processes that have been used in other districts. Made clear to the Abbey group that equipment cannot be moved from the building without board approval as it is an emergency shelter for the town. Chet Bromley motions to donate the piece of marble containing a fossil that was donated to the Isle La Motte School to the Goodsell Ridge Preserve affiliated with the Isle La Motte Preservation Trust. Amy Thompson suggests writing a letter to ensure that the donation will not be used as a sale item in the future. Chet Bromley suggests a presentation from the Superintendent and the principal to the Goodsell Ridge Preserve along with a letter expressing the intent of the donation. All in favor, motion passes.

11. Other - none

Closure

12. Setting the next agenda - the next agenda is set as the board retreat.

13. Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 8:25 p.m.