

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
School Board Regular Meeting
Thursday August 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: North Hero Education & Community Center

Minutes

Board Present Jane Zera, Joyce Tuck, Chet Bromley (7:24 p.m.), Bridget Brisson, Mason Maltais (6:41), Melanie Henderson, Tim Maxham, Bentley Vaughan, Don Bartlett, Gary Marckress

Community Present: None

Administration Present: Michael Clark, Robert Gess, Michele Weaver

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:39

Tim Maxmam asked that a discussion of Conflict of Interest Policy be added to the agenda. Tim Maxman asked for an update regarding the Sheldon/Alburg talks. Tim Maxmam asked that there be a discussion of office space be added to the agenda. These three items were added to the agenda between items 11 and 12.

Superintendent Clark introduced Michele Weaver in the citizens and staff to be heard portion of the meeting.

Tim Maxham made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bridget Brisson seconded. Vote 9-0

Board Business.

Superintendent Clark reviewed the 90/Interim/Full Time responsibilities of the superintendent. There were no additions (see board packet).

Rob Gess reviewed the budget building timeline ((see board packet)

Superintendent reviewed the current substitute pay practices of the GISU and member districts and shared a preliminary document outlining what surrounding districts are paying substitutes. The consensus of the board was Superintendent Clark will create a proposal and bring it to the local boards september meetings.

Rob Gess shared a financial update. Rob indicated that the GISU FY 17 Draft Audit was complete and the GISU financial staff had submitted questions to the auditor. Cash flow issues at the GISU have eased with the approval of the Tax Anticipation Notes in Grand Isle School District and the Alburgh School District. Gary Marckres made a motion to accept the financial report. Bentley Vaughan seconded. Vote 10-0

Superintendent Clark shared the hire for the position of Financial Support Specialist, Michelle Hetling. Ms. Hetling's resume was included in the board packet.

Superintendent Clark shared that New Educator Orientation was a success and that Rebecca Holcombe would be the keynote speaker for the inservice with all employees on Friday.

Superintendent Clark thanked all of the support staff who worked hard throughout the summer to get the schools ready for the start of the year.

The board asked that the GISU Conflict of Interest Policy be brought to the next GISU board meeting for review.

Superintendent Clark shared that there had been a meeting between two members of the Alburgh Board, a member of the Sheldon Board, a member of the Franklin Northwest Board and the Superintendents for FNWSU and GISU. Board members at that meeting discussed the possibility of a governance merger and asking the possibility of asking the State Board of Education to create that merger. Superintendent Clark shared that there had been an affirmative vote in the town of Alburgh in November 2017 to create a 3X1 district with the CIUUSD which was assigned to the GISU. Superintendent Clark also pointed out to the GISU Board that this summer the Secretary of Education had given the GISU permission to hire a Superintendent without restrictions.

Last year there was conversation about using space within the the Grand Isle School, which would be available due to the change in operating structure effective in July 2019. Superintendent Clark explained the first meeting of the CIUUSD board since he began working for the GISU would take place soon. It made sense for him to talk with the CIUUSD board before moving forward with discussion GISU board. It also made sense to identify the needs of the GISU regarding office space and to share those needs with the GISU board.

At 7:57 p.m. Jane Zera made a motion to go into executive session to review candidates who have submitted applications for the Interim Superintendent search (appointment or employment of a public employee). Tim Maxham seconded. Vote 10-0. The Board invited Michele Weaver into executive session. Superintendent Clark left the building

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

Gary Marckres made a motion to appoint Michael Clark the GISU Superintendent through June 30, 2019 and to authorize the GISU board chair to negotiate the contract with the superintendent not to exceed the terms of the contract with the previous superintendent. Tim Maxham seconded. Vote 10-0

Gary Marckres made a motion to amend the motion to not more than what was budgeted for the FY 19 school year. Tim Maxham seconded the amendmendment. Vote 10-0

Closure

Next meeting is September 27. Agenda Items to include Sub Pay, Conflict of Interest Policy, GISU Office Space, Audit, Cash Flow.

At 8:49, Jane Zara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Maxham seconded. Vote 10-0