

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Minutes

Board Present: Bentley Vaughan, Tim Maxham, Stacy Gould, Chet Bromley, Amy Thompson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess

Public Present: Michael Wright, Megan DeVinny

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan calls the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to add into the hiring section, Carol Egan at a .2 FTE EEE position.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 6/23/2020 -Tim Maxham moves to approve the minutes as printed, Stacy Gould seconds, all in favor, Bentley Vaughan abstains, motion passes.
 - b. Hiring updates - Chet Bromley motions to approve the hires and allow the chair, Bentley Vaughan to sign on behalf of the board, Tim Maxham second, all in favor motion passes.
 - i. Dawn St. Amour - 1.0 FTE special educator (EEE)
 - ii Chantelle Bombardier - 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist
 - iii. Adriana Penalosa-Kirby - 1.0 FTE special educator
 - iv. Christina Allard - .4 FTE physical therapist
 - v. Carol Egan - .2 FTE special educator (EEE)

Reports

5. Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared his written report. Michael Clark highlighted the two UVM outstanding teachers of the year - Andrew Riegler and Susan Trowbridge. The opening plan has been shared at the local board meetings and the community meetings on Wednesdays have been well-attended. Chet Bromley asked about PPE and Michael Clark clarified the documentation in the safety plan. Tim Maxham reiterated his support of maintaining 6 ft between students and staff within the buildings.

Financial Report - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals from the packet. Wrapping up FY20 and getting product ordered for FY21, this includes the purchase of PPE and other COVID-related expenses. The District Nurse, Emily Dousevicz has expressed that we are sufficiently stocked with PPE at this time. The accounting team has been working in implementing the new financial system that we will start using July 1, 2021. Frontline continues to roll out - estimate that we are 75% of the way there to full implementation. Anticipated having the GISU audit completed tonight, but have a couple questions that came through from the auditors today and will answer those questions by Friday at the latest. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received & reviewed the financial report dated August 20, 2020, Chet Bromley second, all in favor, motion passes.

Board Business.

6. Mason Maltais resignation - Bentley Vaughan thanked Mason Maltais for his time on the board and appreciates his time and efforts. Tim Maxham reiterated that feeling and he has done an excellent job

running the meetings and keeping things together. Chet Bromley also expressed appreciation for Mason Maltais' time and energy. Chet Bromley also expressed some apprehension about some of what was said in the resignation letter. Amy Thompson commented that Mason was a great voice of reason and feels she learned quite a bit from him and he was a voice for the community and he will be missed. Michael Clark expressed appreciation for Mason's work and for all he has done for the GISU. Tim Maxham motions to regretfully accept his resignation and wish him well in his future endeavors, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

The board asked about reorganization. Michael Clark shared the process the CIUUSD will go through and they will appoint someone from their board to the GISU.

7. Update on audits - covered during the financial report

8. Electronic Communications Policy - Michael Clark that this policy has been shared at local levels, but this is the first read for the GISU board. Tim Maxham acknowledges that the board has received for review.

9. GISU Hybrid Instructional Policy - Michael Clark shared that the word "COVID" should be added to the policy title. Local boards have gone through, but this is a first read for the GISU. Bentley Vaughan acknowledges that the board has received for review.

10. Other - Chet Bromley asked about the Isle La Motte sign. Michael Clark shared that the things owned by the Isle La Motte school transferred to CIUUSD and this would be an item of board business at that meeting.

Tim Maxham asked if there were any updates related to the appeal. Michael Clark shared that it is still sitting at the deputy secretary of education at this time. It is not uncommon for the process to take two or more years.

Closure

11. Setting the next agenda - Reopening update, second read of the policies reviewed tonight, expect the auditor will be available to discuss the audit.

12 . Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, Bentley Vaughan second, all in favor, motion passes, meeting adjourns at 7:17 p.m.