

Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
**Grand Isle School District**  
School Board Regular Meeting  
Thursday September 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Grand Isle School

**Minutes**

**Present:**

**Gary Marckres, Chair**  
**Don Bartlett**  
**Nathan Robinson (via telephone)**  
**Lauren Thomas, Principal**  
**Michael Clark, Superintendent**  
**Rob Gess, Business Manager**

**Members of the Public:**

**Mike Inners**  
**Nicole Gardiner**  
**Kim Cohen**  
**Shelby Cohen**

Call to order: 6:31

Adjustment to Agenda: Move Grievance Hearing to item after 17

Citizens to be heard:

Town Rec - park needs to replace mulch in playground - check with Sioban Travers to see when their order is

Consent agenda : Gary moved to accept, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nathan approved.

**Reports –**

Superintendent –

Things are moving along, lots happening

Lauren – submitted parent comm.

Mountain transit issues getting worked out

Design Makers space - get budget and proposal

Soccer teams started

Middle school class size – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 12 & 13

7<sup>th</sup> at 9, 6<sup>th</sup> at 11

8<sup>th</sup> – a,b,c,d – groups – going well

Large 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class – lots of support, 25 students, all going well per teacher

Rob – financials

Ample cash, no funding from state yet, high school tuition coming in, make sure SB not overbilling

Grand Isle audit received, reconciled 95%, few questions still to auditors

Vacant position – Mike Inners

- On board for 7-8 years, keep level process, wants to bridge divisions that might be in board, availability, has law degree, no strong position on board, knows big change with new unified district and transition
- Accounting background, law degree, comp science
- No kids in school

Gary – moves Mike Inners serves as board member until March. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Nathan approved.

Rob – renew Abby contract – 1 year extension – FY19 only. Cost reimbursement changing to bidding now. Optimistic more vendors might respond.

Nathan – moved to accept, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>, .Don approved.

- Follow up – contract applies to schools without enterprise. Other food service option is to do in-house.

The contract next year will cover the 3 schools under 1 unified district

Middle School transition

Letter to 7<sup>th</sup> grade – bus/transport, siblings, prefer which school, there is a handout on agenda for each month

More parent involvement, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade send off along with 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. It may not be on same night, but not sure.

Kim Cohen– when is definitive idea

- Lauren – she gives month by month updates. Would love parent input for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade night. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will not change.

Bills for payment – no questions – Gary moves to approve FY18 bills. Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nathan approved - payment. FY19 bills – Don moves, Don 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nathan approved payment.

Sub pay rate (Mike C) – currently \$75 –not competitive, very close to minimum wage

If rates increased, will probably go over budget and need to make up difference somewhere else.

Gary moves to increase to \$100/day. Discussion took place. New rate effective immediately. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don approved.

Rob - Audits FY18 scheduled for Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>

Rob - Budget timeline – see handout, want to move everything up a month. We will budget with existing COA. We will map to new COA coming from state. We will transition in new fiscal year.

Mike C - Looking for priorities from Grand Isle, but will be merging all ideas into the consolidated union. Will meet as Consolidated district when making budget.

Gary – He will be creating budget with old COA and manually link to new COA in excel for FY20.

Carousel Proposal – bring 3 boards together, Oct – Feb. 45 mins per individual schools, consolidated meeting for all

- NH wants to meet on Tuesdays, not looking to change
- GI – Tuesdays is possible for all board
- GI - Would like to change time to 6:00
- Very helpful to have all together for the meetings
- New board – CIUUSD – GI – 3 board (one seat available in March)

Transition timeline – Mike C

- Meeting with District Mgmt Group
- CIUUSD board asked for – transition, support needed, personnel
- Policy, budget items more articulated at next meeting
- March/April/May – not making big decisions from the GI board, CIUUSD needs more time for meetings
- Not sure of new board members' terms on CIUUSD – Gary thought they were 1/2/3 year terms. Every 6 years all GI seats are open.

Union Letter – requested to open negotiations, no action required by GI board, CIUUSD will do the negotiating, Isle La Motte will be considered to be union once consolidated

Setting the next agenda:

- 1- Budget priorities from board
- 2- Update on carousel meeting
- 3- Auditors present FY17 audit, if possible – Oct or Nov

Move to enter recess at 7:36 and reconvene at 7:45 in executive session– Gary – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Nathan approved.

Board entered Executive Session at 7:45.

Board exited Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

G. Marckres made a motion that “due to the 2017-2018 plan year being divided into two six month segments, I move compensate Rebecca Gove the prorated amount of \$1500 to cover the six month shortened plan year from July 1- December 31, 2017.”

N. Robinson seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.