

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Regular Meeting

School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Minutes

Board Present: Gary Marckres, Chet Bromley, Mason Maltais, Nathan Robinson, Michael Inners (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Lauren Thomas, Amanda Ellison

Public Present:

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Adjust the Agenda - none

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none

4. Consent Agenda

- Approve the minutes from 9/10/2019 - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the minutes, no adjustments, Chet Bromley seconds. All in favor, Minutes approved.

5. Reports

- Superintendent's -

i. Michael Clark shared his report from the packet. Grant reports have been turned in and team is ahead of schedule. Residency verification - CIUUSD has 86.96% completion rate for residency verification as of October 1. Tracking 21 families to get paperwork back from them. Anticipate 161 students that will appear on a tuition invoice. Team has reached out to the receiving schools in July, August, September and October, they have been good partners with us to get the necessary information.

- Financial -

i. Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals within the packet. Nothing of significance at this time- team in the process of verifying encumbrances. Working on implementing Frontline- the time and attendance and absence management system. Moving forward with absent management first, then will implement time and attendance. Looking to implement sometime in November. FY20 budget time, GISU will be presented at the October meeting. Plan to meet with administration as much as possible to get their feedback on their budgets. This is a challenging budget cycle due to the statewide healthcare negotiations. Free and reduced meal process has been slowed due to inaccurate direct certification list data supplied by the state.

- Principal's -

i. Lurne Thomas shared her report from the packet. Team is well-staffed, but looking for an additional para. Been able to use paras in math and reading instruction to help with small groups. Jeff Clark has come on board and has been able to spread himself out amongst the three buildings well and completing projects correctly and maintained properly. Running a 4,5,6 boys and girls soccer program. Approximately 60% of the class is participating. Been doing open gyms for students during the mornings after breakfast. School has been having a Monday morning meeting as a community to discuss community. This has allowed for older and younger students to interact and foster mentorship. The MTSS process has had a critical piece in Dawn Slayton coming on board as the school clinician. These additional resources have made an impact on the

team being able to meet the socio-emotional needs of the students. Nathan Robinson asked if the administration had been able to problem-solve for student transportation for after school sports. Gary Marckres suggested contacting VSBIT regarding this.

- ii. Amanada Ellison shared information from her board report. Shared staffing has worked out well between the buildings. Jeff Clark has been great at addressing ongoing issues within the buildings. Jill Everett and Dawn Slayton have been a great addition to the staff and they have been able to help with the socio-emotional needs of the students. Interviewing to fill the open para position and a long-term sub has been found for the open .2 music position. Amanda Ellison has started staff celebrations once/ month. This was a great opportunity for staff to get together and build up the community. Schools have been able to participate in field trips. The 6th graders are also working on fund raisers for their class trips. Looking into getting clubs going and surveying staff on what they would be interested in hosting any clubs. Amanda Ellison also shared that she has learned about the security systems at the two buildings. The system in North Hero is fairly old and she has obtained quotes to update the system. Amanda Ellison would like to ask the board to use capital funds for this project. Gary Marckres recommends doing research into the school security grant. Gary Marckres motions to approve security related upgrades in the North Hero building and use leftover North Hero capital funds. Mason Maltais seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - hold for later in meeting

7. Presentation of October Inservice Plans & School Goals - Lauren Thomas shared that over the summer admin team attended a PLC conference. At the October 18 inservice, staff will have discussions of progress-monitoring to achieve goals. The agenda focuses on PLCs to work on the goals.

Amanda Ellison shared that her goals align with these goals as well, since it is one district. They will come together to set SMART goals and establish how the data will measure the goals. There will be a focus on staff-team building and using the chunk of time to understand the processes. Amanda Ellison is making sure to be inclusive of staff feedback in the planning of inservice and build the team.

8. After School Programming - This info was shared in the reports and schedule is being drafted. Have 6 offerings right now that will last 6 weeks. One is the unified band to promote equity in the music program. Michael Clark shared the info about busing in order to combine activities. The quote to have a separate bus for after school programs is estimated at \$377/day for a bus charge. Board suggests researching into having teachers transport students for a stipend. Admin team will meet again and research into board feedback.

9. Audits Update - Rob Gess shared that the FY18 audit has been received and reviewed for North Hero and Isle La Motte, still waiting on the Grand Isle audit. North Hero and Isle La Motte are showing a positive balance for FY18. Have a phone call into Rick Brigham to have the Grand Isle audit tomorrow. Had a meeting with Rick Brigham to discuss the FY19 audits for the three districts. Reconciliations are well under way and will have this to auditors by the end of the month. Goal to have the audit team up before November 5 and have preliminary audit complete by mid November to have the audits completed by December timeline. Commitment from Sullivan & Powers to meet the aggressive deadlines.

10. North Hero Unit Ventilators - Michael Clark shared that there are two unit ventilators that need to be replaced in the North Hero building. There are 3 bids, Jeff Clark has reviewed the 3 bids. Jeff Clark recommends the CSI bid of \$25,434 and there are \$800 of energy efficiency rebates that can be received with this bid. Mason Maltias motions to authorize \$25,434 before any rebates to be spent from the capital improvement fund with CSI for the North Hero unit ventilators, Michael Inners second. All in favor, motion passes.

11. Update of foodservice committee - Michael Clark shared that he has met with Lauren and Amanda. The meeting with the Abbey will be on October 24 from 2-3.
12. E-911 Update - Michael Clark shared that they are doing research to see if Isle La Motte is in compliance with the updated E-911 standards. The phone systems within the GISU member districts are not capable of being upgraded to meet the new compliance standards. Looking at a voiceover internet option and installing our own phone system as well. There is a matching grant available to help fund this. Need to respond if they will be compliant by January 20, or we will have to apply for a waiver. We are going to apply for the waiver and the grant. Hoping to have more information next month.
13. Compensation of Local Board Members Request - Michael Clark shared that Joyce Tuck from the Isle La Motte board raised questions about compensation for the school boards that runs through December. Gary Marckres shared that it can be budgeted for under contingency funds within the board. Gary Marckres shared that local boards are elected officials with a stipend involved for service. Justify reducing stipend for final year of existence of local boards. Board had discussion regarding paying full stipend amount. Gary Marckres moves to authorize stipends for all dissolving local boards in Jan 2020. Mason Maltais second. Discussed if this is a conflict of interest, no other body can vote upon it. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passes. Gary Marckres asks that this is processed by the end of the year for tax purposes. Rob Gess says it will process in November.
14. VSBIT/VEHI proxy - Michael Clark shared that VSBIT & VEHI have their annual meetings coming up in November. 2 votes in VEHI and 1 vote in VSBIT for the CIUUSD board. Michael Inners and Michael Clark are attending. Gary Marckres motions to proxy both VSBIT & VEHI votes to Michael Inners if he is present. If Michael Inners is not present, votes will transfer to Michael Clark. Michael Clark shared that there is only one form to send in. Gary Marckres amends the motion to sign proxy form to Michael Inners, Mason Marckres second. All in favor, motion passes.
15. Negotiations - Michael Clerk shared that the new configuration of GISU allows for board chairs to get together without creating/ necessitating a quorum. Have met with the chairs to discuss negotiations. All of the negotiations are complicated because healthcare is being negotiated at a state level. The teacher's contract, CIUUSD support staff, and Alburgh support staff are all up for negotiation this year. Michael Clark has discussed with the GISU board bringing in an attorney to assist in negotiating the contracts. Have reached out to the attorneys that schools work with, was given a quote of \$5,000-7,000. Allocating this to multiple entities and if there are multiple-year contracts, this would be a minimal expense. Alburgh and South Hero board have indicated they would like to work with Chris Leopold with McNeil Leddy & Shea to assist with negotiations support. The board agrees that reaching out to Chris Leopold with McNeil Leddy & Shea to engage the services for negotiations support.
16. Other

Closure

17. Setting the next agenda - schedule of December meeting, transportation to after school programs, first draft of budget with Principals' feedback on hopes for next year, tuition report, update on foodservice meeting, negotiations support update.
18. Approval of bills for payment - Michael Inners motions to approve bills in the amount of \$172,783.83, Nathan Robinson second. All in favor, motion passes.
19. Adjourn - Mason Maltais motions to adjourn, Nathan Robinson second. All in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:13 p.m.