

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, October 26, 2015
At Grand Isle School

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary Marckres, *Chair*
Teri Geney
Carol Miller
Don Bartlett
Mike Talbot

Eric Arnzen, *Principal*

Call Meeting to Order

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Adjustment of Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2015

Carol Miller moved to approve the minutes from October 12. Approved 5-0.

Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Teaching & Learning

Mr. Arnzen had the opportunity to visit middle school classrooms and speak to the teachers about what's going on in the curriculum. He reported back to the board on some of the topics students are currently learning about.

Science NECAPS

Results are being reviewed. The next steps at the leadership meeting will be to determine what questions this data answers and to follow a cohort of students over time. The long term objective is to use these results to affect curriculum. Teri will work with Eric to create a graph of NECAP results over time. Eric clarified that while the NECAPS have been replaced by the SBAC's in other subject areas, but not Science. Even with the New Generation Science Standards, the NECAPS will still be used.

Facilities

When disassembling the wood chip burner, it was discovered that the gear box within the unit was damaged. As the damaged unit was over 20 years old, Mr. Arnzen ordered a new gearbox for \$2200. In addition, he ordered a snow blower for the school to replace one that is no longer sufficient.

Celebrations

Grand Isle students and faculty are going to a UVM women's basketball game on November 13th.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION

SBAC Results

Mr. Arnzen and other staff attended a SBAC workshop on the 19th. It was somewhat disappointing, but they did learn that the proficiency levels are fairly vulnerable, and that major decisions should not be

made based off of percent scores. Instead, attention should be paid to growth over time, with this year being the baseline.

Act 46 Committee Update

Teri distributed minutes from the last Act 46 Study Committee meeting. The next meeting has two purposes: to go over suggested survey questions to pose to the public, and review data points. A public forum will be held November 14 at Grand Isle School. Carol, Teri, Mike and Gary plan to attend the meeting on Oct. 27.

Tax Anticipation Note Discussion

Lynn Carpenter was not in attendance, so Gary Marckres said that he would reach out in order to discuss the tax anticipation note. Later in the meeting, Mr. Arnzen shared that he had received information from Lynn Carpenter via email saying that the town clerk said that money could be transferred so that it was not necessary to borrow.

Approval of Bills for Payment

Teri Geney moved to approved bills in the amount of \$76,359.54. Approved 5-0.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING

As a follow up to the Essex High School offerings presentation, Principal Robert Reardon invited the board to tour the school. Several board members were interested, and Gary Marckres said that he would try to schedule it for a Monday before Thanksgiving.

Gary Marckres had a phone conversation with the chair of the Georgia School Board, who asked if the Grand Isle School board could share some of the Act 46 Committee information and findings with them. Teri Geney suggested that they be directed to the official website that has all the minutes from those committee meetings: islandschools.org.

Teri Geney brought up previous discussions the school board had had about contacting the select board about the production of the town report as well as plowing. A potential joint meeting was briefly discussed.

Gary Marckres said that the appearance of the school has greatly improved since Eric Arnzen became principal, and began hiring the right people for maintenance. He asked that this message be passed along.

AGENDA BUILDING

GISU Policy Adoption
Budget Building Timeline
Assessment Calendar
Act 46 Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary Marckres moved that the board move into executive session at 7:34pm. Approved 5-0.

Teri Geney moved to exit executive session at 7:39pm. Approved 5-0

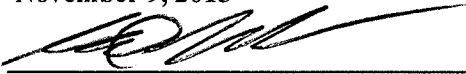
Gary Marckres moved to authorize Erin Murphy to be able to apply for positions in another district, per her request. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURN

Carol Miller moved to adjourn at 7:40pm. Approved 5-0.

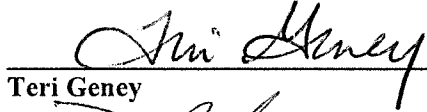
MINUTES CERTIFICATION:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:
November 9, 2015



Gary Marckres, Chair

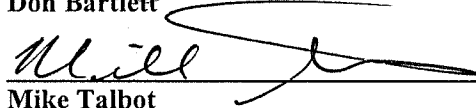
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