

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Gary Marckres (via phone), Chet Bromley (via phone)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison

Public Present:

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm, and asks that Michael Inners take over and chair of the meeting.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to make the board aware of an apportionment letter for North Hero.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 10/8/2019 - No objections to the minutes as presented, minutes approved.
 - b. Resignation - Tucker Kohlasch resigned his position, letter is in the packet. Long term sub position has been posted, but not yet filled.
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - no written report. Commend the team that supported North Hero during the tragedy and events have taken place. School is getting back into the routine. The AOE continues to tax the business department with reporting aspects because of being a high-risk sub grant recipient. Continue to wrap up FY18 audits, all material has been sent to auditors and waiting on the next steps.
 - b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals that was presented in packet. Still waiting for high school tuition invoices from some of our schools, reluctant to do forecasting without these. Special education spending is still high. No concerned about budget shortfall given the revenue coming in. Busy with FY21 budgets across Supervisory Union. Meeting with principals to discuss needs for the FY21 budget. Responding to documentation requests from AOE. Completing child nutrition reporting and SEER reporting. Equalized pupil count expected to be released on or by December 15, which will allow estimates for tax rates.
 - c. Principal's - Principal reports were shared in the packet. Amanda Ellison highlighted staffing changes and having substitutes to help with staffing needs. Having spirit weeks at the schools to build community.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Rob Gess shared that due to the snow day there are no invoices to approve this evening. Will move forward with electronic approval for this month.
7. First draft of the budget - Rob Gess shared the first draft of the budget with the board. Michael Clark shared a high level of the budget. Outcome shows a 4.3% increase over the FY20 budget. Factors of the increase include: needing a home school coordinator at the North Hero and Isle La Motte campuses. Also reflects the potential for the GISU assessment to include the disallowed costs. The GISU board is discussing strategy for this. There is a decrease in the instructional health care costs due to the staff

electing to take the buyout rather than the health insurance. The K-8 student enrollment numbers also contribute to the increase in costs. This can affect grade configuration. The enrollment numbers were shared by Michael Clark. Gary Marckres shared that enrollment numbers will be one of the biggest issues the board will face in the upcoming years and working with administration to find alternative solutions will be key.

8. Tuition Report - Michael Clark shared the tuition report regarding residency completion. As of today, there are 164 total tuition students for CIUUSD. Percentages were shared of completion for each town. Letters are being sent out to families who have not completed the processes for payment processing. Gary Marckres suggests processing payment then requesting reimbursement from families. Michael Clark shared that residency has to be verified by the school prior to enrollment, so there is hesitation to process payment without residency being verified. Michael Clark can share the list with board members and town clerks to verify residency for those whom we are still waiting on verification.

9. Update on foodservice meeting - Michael Clark shared that food service committee met in October, next meeting is tomorrow. Abby shared numbers and group has worked on creating a survey to gather info on how to increase participation. Chet Bromley noted the redundancy in what is being served. Amanda Ellison shared that she has been partaking of the food. Kids tend to gravitate towards the familiar and participation tends to decrease when there is something new on the menu.

10. Transportation to after school programs - Michael Clark shared the information he has gathered regarding the transportation of students in personal vehicles. Michael Clark continues to have a professional opinion that this opens liability to CIUUSD and the employee. If the vehicle was damaged, it would not be covered by VSBIT insurance, which would shift more liability to the employee. Chet Bromley asked about the quote from Mountain Transit for an additional bus for athletics. The practice schedule was reviewed in relation to the cost. Michael Clark also suggested to purchase a school-owned vehicle, which presents its own limitations. Michael Inners thinks this option should be looked into based on the liabilities to employee insurances. Chet Bromley asked about costs associated. Michael Clark reminded the board that there is \$50,000 that was budgeted for this purpose. Gary Marckres shared that up to 10 occupants could be allowed and has to have a set of flashing lights. The employee would have to have training to operate a type 2 school bus. Gary Marckres thinks the cost of this would be feasible, but would need be greater? He suggested looking into the costs associated with two of the 10 passenger vehicles, or 3 minivans with a 5 passenger limitation. Discussion regarding logistics of a pilot program occurred based on the presented VSBIT checklist and requirements. Gary Marckres motions authorize Superintendent to pay mileage and stipend if someone is interested in completing the VSBIT checklist during basketball and to authorize up to \$15,000 for transportation, Chet Bromley seconds. Roll call vote: Gary Marckres, yes; Chet Bromley, yes; Michael Inners, yes. Motion passes.

11. Negotiations support update - All boards for teacher negotiations voted to engage Chris Leopold. This has been signed off and reaching out to negotiation folks to hopefully meet in December.

12. Apportion Letter - Michael Clark sent apportion letter to North Hero town clerk. Traditionally North Hero Town pays \$31,000 for the purpose of paying facility use fees.

13. December meeting schedule - December 10 would be the next regularly scheduled meeting. Michael Inners thinks there will need to be an additional meeting due to the budget. Gary Marckres suggests moving the meeting to December 17 so that information from the AOE can be received. The December 10 meeting is cancelled and schedule a special meeting on December 17.

14. Other - none

Closure

15. Setting the next agenda - Follow up on transportation, follow up on budget, and foodservice.

16. Adjourn - Michael Inners motions to adjourn, second by Gary Marckres. Roll call vote: Gary Marckres, yes; Chet Bromley, yes; Michael Inners, yes. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.