

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, November 13, 2017
At Grand Isle School

Present:

Gary Marckres, Chair
Mike Talbot
Nathan Robinson

Eric Arnzen, Principal
Don Van Nostrand, Superintendent

Members of the Public:

Dorothy Sacca
Patty Lavigne (The Islander)
Tara Libby
Kimberly Cohen
Angie Ross
Melissa Roberts
Kim Provost
John Gavin

Meeting Brought to Order: Gary Marckres brought the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2017.

Nathan Robinson moved to approve the Minutes of October 16, 2017. Approved 3-0.

Superintendent's Report.

GISU is on Program review from the Child Nutrition program of the AOE and Grand Isle School was selected to be audited this year. They will be at the GISU office on December 11th.

In October, there was a significant firewall failure where the district suffered significant loss. Megan Grube will be meeting with the tech committee to discuss improving the system.

Principal's Report.

Teaching and Learning.

Middle School configuration.

As we have been discussing, a data driven recommendation (based on local and standardized assessments, along with discipline data and other anecdotal information), to split the current 7th grade class of 25 students into 2 sections of twelve and thirteen, while merging the 6th grade classes at eleven and 10 to make one class of 21 students, was brought to the board by the GIS administration and middle school teachers. The school board provided feedback around concerns related to the level of disruption students would experience. Community and board members supported keeping the 6th as is. Furthermore, along with this feedback the school board authorized the spending of up to \$35,500., which amounts to the base salary of a 1.0 FTE teacher.

Further brainstorming led to two additional solutions for consideration.

1. Increasing Rebecca Gove from .60 FTE to 1.0 FTE. Rebecca would facilitate a computer adaptive math program on Monday and Friday. This would create a fifth rotation allowing the 7th grade to be split as well as benefit all students who would get a second dip for math 2 x 45 per week. Further scheduling adjustments have also been recommended that would allow our Title 1 math specialist to support the adaptive math programming on Monday and Friday and the 7th grade math class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In doing so, this allows an instructional framework that delivers first instruction to all students which is then further differentiated for students in two smaller groups in two separate locations. The changes to the middle school schedule would continue to provide a consistent second and third class schedule. Support staff are assigned to support teaching, learning and management in the 7th grade classrooms along with the Middle School special educator who provides ELA support 2 x 30 minutes within the classroom (3 adults)

Lastly, a master schedule overhaul, implementing a full time math lab and adopting a world language program.

We are prepared to launch the second proposal following the board approval of Rebecca Gove to 1.0 FTE, a finalization of the Middle School schedule changes and procuring the adaptive math programming. The anticipated date would be November 27th, the start of the second trimester.

Further discussion took place surrounding the proposals. Gary Marckres asked Eric Arnzen to simplify the proposal. Gary Marckres stated that the Board was not authorized to make a decision on the Middle School configuration.

2. School Celebrations. Blackhawk and Local Heroes. We received positive media coverage.
3. Family and Community Partnerships. This is about family and community partnerships. A PTA representative will be sitting on our school's PBIS and Leadership teams. We have partnered with the Grand Isle Food shelf to provide Turkey meals for seventeen of our school community families.
4. Capital Improvements. Internal wood fire boiler passed internal inspection at the end of October (every five years). November 20th, the hot water heater is scheduled to be inspected. The elevator is in need of major repairs or replacement. Mr. Arnzen requested direction from the Board. The board advised that the elevator should be repaired.

Mr. Arnzen would like to sit down with Rob Gess, Business Manager. Mr. Marckres ask Mr. Arnzen to include board members in the discussion.

Board Discussion & Action.

Review of Policy Code D9—Resignations. The Policy will remain as is.

FY19 Budget Draft Review.

Rob Gess will be contacting each Principal for a one on one sit down to go over numbers.

Approval of Bills for Payment.

To date, we have paid The Abbey Group \$12,500. The contract amount is \$15,000. Mr. Arnzen will be contacting the Abbey Group to discuss the invoice.

Gary Marckres moved approve bills for payment in the amount of \$57,092.50. Approved 3-0.

Agenda Building:


Detailed review of FY19 Draft Budget
Review outcome of the 6-8 Change
FY19 Budget Development timeline

Executive Session.

Nathan Robinson made a motion to move into Executive session at 7:45. Approved 3-0. Adjourned out of executive session at 8:10. No action taken.

Minutes Certification:

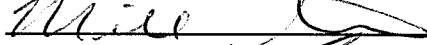
Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on: December 11, 2017.



Gary Marckres, Chair

Carol Miller

Don Bartlett



Mike Talbot



Nathan Robinson