

Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
**CIUUSD Carousel Meeting**  
School Board Special Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: North Hero Education & Community Center

**Agenda**

**Call to Order**

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| 1. Call to Order (Gary Marckres)           | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2. Adjust the Agenda (Gary Marckres)       | 6:31 p.m. |
| 3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard       | 6:35 p.m. |
| 4. Consent Agenda (Action) (Gary Marckres) | 6:40 p.m. |
| a. Approve the minutes from 10/09/2018     |           |

**Board Business.**

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| 5. First Draft of Budget (R. Gess) (Discussion)                                     | 6:45 p.m. |
| 6. Space Update (M. Clark) (Discussion)   | 7:00 p.m. |
| 7. Values and Beliefs Update (M. Clark) (Discussion)                                | 7:05 p.m. |
| 8. Policy Review based on VSBA information (M. Clark) (Discussion)                  | 7:10 p.m. |
| 9. Re-adjusting the regular meeting time (G. Markres) (Discussion, possible action) | 7:15 p.m. |
| 10. Other   | 7:20 p.m. |

**Closure**

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| 11. Setting the next agenda (Gary Marckres)(Discussion) | 7:21 p.m. |
| 12. Adjourn   | 7:25 p.m. |

Note: Executive Session: If discussion warrants, and the Board so votes, some items may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to VSA 1 §313(a)

*Discussion Items - Issues the Board needs to discuss and deliberate, but upon which no action is taken at this meeting.*

*Action Items - Issues that require the Board to make a decision by vote, may have been discussed over several meetings prior to this point.*

*Consent Items - Routine matters that need no discussion by the Board, but require Board approval. They are grouped together as a single agenda item. Background materials are provided in the Board packet to be reviewed ahead of the meeting. If there are no concerns, they are approved with a single vote. Any member can request the Board remove an item to be discussed and voted on separately. This frees up time at meetings.*

*Information Items [Incidental Information] - Matters the Board needs to know about, but for which no Board action is needed. The information flow is one way, from presenter to the Board. Questions for clarification are entertained as time allows.*

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School Board Special Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: North Hero Education & Community Center

**Minutes**

**Board Present:** Jane Zera, Nathan Robinson, Mason Maltais, Gary Marckres, Don Bartlett.

**Community Present:** Joyce Tuck, Michael Inners, Jennifer Gariety, Bridget Brisson, Tim Maxham, David Mills, Kimberly Cowen, Nicole Gardner

**Administration Present:** Rob Gess, Michael Clark

**CIUUSD Joint Session**

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:34

No citizens or staff to be heard

Jane Zera moved to approve the minutes from 9/24/2018. Nathan Robinson Seconded. Vote 5-0

Superintendent Clark reviewed the Superintendent Report as outlined in the Board Packet

Superintendent Clark reviewed the budget priorities as discussed by the Administrative team:

- Updating technology- some technology equipment in the schools is more than 10 years old.
- Looking at staffing to ensure equity and efficiency.
- Review bulk purchasing opportunities.

The board highlighted that the first budget for the new CIUUSD will be a “unique opportunity” and encouraged administration to :

- Look for innovations
- Develop Resources for shared services
- Shared Co-Curricular opportunities
- Work towards faculty and staff retention
- Merge Contracted Services
- Consider Leasing Technology
- Identify and address facility concerns
- Explore/Analyze Self Operating transportation

Rob Gess shared all the audits are with the auditor. We have started to get Management Letters Signed off on and we are working to schedule Sullivan Powers to come and present audit findings to local boards ASAP.

The Boards indicated they would like principals to attend future CIUUSD carousel meetings.

Superintendent Clark shared the first draft of the potential use of the Grand Isle School space as office space for the GISU. Two options were presented. The board expressed an interest in option A. The very rough estimate of the work to complete the remodeling is about \$250,000. The board expressed an interest in continuing to get a refined proposal using the budget approved at the September meeting.

The next Agenda:

First Draft of Budget

Space Update

Values and Beliefs update

Policy Review if VSBA has information

Readjusting the regular meeting time

Nathan Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mason Maltais seconded. Vote 5-0

# Superintendent's Report

## November 2018

### **Audits**

The audit firm has finalized the FY 17 GISU Audit and has sent us the final version. They will review the audit with the GISU board at its November 26, 2018 meeting. We expect that we will be receiving the final copies of the local district audits soon. Rob and I are making arrangements for the audit firm to present the local districts audits at board meetings as soon as possible. We have also created a tab on the GISU website and are [posting the audits there](#) as they become available.

### **South Hero Alternative Governance Structure Tentatively Accepted**

The South Hero AGS Plan was tentatively accepted at the Vermont State Board of Education's most recent meeting. The plan submitted by the South Hero Board included the South Hero School District remain a single district aligned with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union. In your packet there is a VT Digger article which goes into more detail about the SBE's meeting and the decisions they made.

### **Consolidated Federal Program Fiscal Monitoring letter**

In you packet is a letter from the Vermont Agency of Education. The letter indicates the most recent Fiscal Monitoring visit by the AOE was successful and GISU has fulfilled its requirements which were identified. The letter specifically commended "the Supervisory Union's CFP Team Leader, Megan Grube for her diligent work in both organizing the visit and submitting all the required documentation to resolve the outstanding issues. She was a pleasure to work with and we look forward to our continued interactions."

### **Grants Management 201**

I'm pleased to report that Rob Gess was asked to serve on a panel for the October Grants Management 201 workshop. Rob was selected by the AOE as a new business manager working in a Supervisory Union that had made a great deal of progress in addressing past issues with grants management.

### **VSBIT Trustee**

At the VSBIT annual meeting I was elected to a three year term on the VSBIT Board of Directors.

### **Budgets**

Rob and the rest of the Admin Team are working on the first drafts of the individual districts budgets. We are looking forward to presenting them to the boards at their November meetings and getting your feedback.

**Director of Student Services**

We expect to post the Director of Student Services position in early November. Joyce Tuck has volunteered to be a School Board Member on the Hiring Committee. If there are other board members interested in serving on the committee please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for the work you do to support education throughout the Islands.