

**GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Meeting Monday, December 14, 2015**  
**At Grand Isle School**

**Attendance:**

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

Eric Arnzen, *Principal*  
Lynne Carpenter  
Beth Hemingway

**Call Meeting to Order**

Carol Miller called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

**Adjustment of Agenda**

Move Budget Discussion until Gary Marckres arrived.

**Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2015**

Mike Talbot moved to approve the minutes of November 23, 2015. Approved 3-0, one abstention.

**Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Updates and Information**

Enrollment:

K 17

1 23

2 12

3 10

4 22

5 21

6 20

7 27

8 16

Total: 168

Grand Isle School (Grade 8) has been selected to represent schools across the country in the NAPE assessment.

December 15, an advisory assembly will take place. A check will be presented to the Cancer Support Foundation.

Faculty and staff have been working more on personal learning plans and formative assessments. At the last faculty meeting, the focus was on gaining a further understanding of formative assessments. Next steps will be for each teacher to choose several types of formative assessments, administer them to their classrooms, and report back.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

### **Budget to Actuals**

Lynne Carpenter presented the board with the budget to actuals for review.

### **Select Board Collaboration**

The school board met with the select board to request that plowing and lawn care be moved off of the school budget and onto the town budget. They seem to be open to the idea, but are cautious. They asked to see what the impact on taxes is if it moved budgets. Lynne will calculate the impact of \$5,000 and \$10,000 on the education budget.

Teri Geney also gave them an update on Act 46, and answered questions that they had.

They informed the board of the updated timeline of the transfer of the Annex to the school. They hope to have the surveying done by the end of the calendar year. They requested that the school pick up a third of the surveying costs. They are to provide the School Board with updated operating expenses. Teri Geney made a motion that the board pay up to a third of the surveying costs to date. Approved 4-0.

### **Negotiations Update**

The board's team met with the teacher's association for the first negotiations meeting. The ground rules were agreed on. The next meeting will be January 27 at Grand Isle School at 6pm.

### **Approval of Bills for Payment**

Don Bartlett moved to approve bills in the amount of \$259,944.39. Approved 4-0.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING**

Don Barlett shared a few newspaper articles relating to education in the Singapore Press.

Teri Geney shared that Jeff Maling has contacted the Data Team about recent assessment results. He observed that in the areas where Grand Isle School is scoring below the state, if you just factor girls' scores, we're scoring on par with the state. We need to address how to improve our teaching strategies to reach boys. Eric Arnzen shared that this will be discussed at the next Data Team meeting.

Act 46 meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Actual models are being provided. The meeting will take place at Grand Isle School.

### **Review FY17 Draft Budget**

Beth Hemingway reviewed Spec Ed, Preschool and High School recommendations.

- Special Ed costs moved to GISU budget, except Behavioral Interventionists, who are in local budget.
- High School: Budgeted 3% increase in tuition, until tuitions are announced in Jan.
- Outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders (16) are budgeted at \$14,297.
- Two buffer HS students included.
- Preschool: Budgeted for 25 students.

### **FY17 Budget**

General Budget highlights reviewed by Eric Arnzen. Detail to be discussed at next meeting.

**AGENDA BUILDING**  
FY17 Budget Review  
Budgeting Timeline  
Act 46 Update

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Teri Geney moved to enter executive session at 9:07. Approved 5-0.

Teri Geney moved to exit executive session at 9:20. Approved 5-0.

**ADJOURN**

Don Barlett moved to adjourn at 9:21. Approved 5-0.

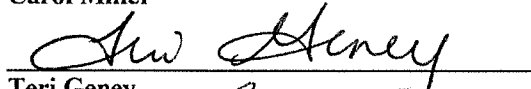
**MINUTES CERTIFICATION:**

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:  
December 28, 2015



Gary Marckres, Chair

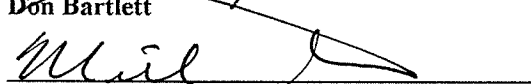
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