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 Amzen, 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/S一大
Don Bartlett reviewed 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 15th. 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 8th 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

Carol Miller

Teri Geney

Don Barlett

Mike Talbot