

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Special Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Minutes

Board Present: Gary Marckres, Chet Bromley, Mason Maltais, Nathan Robinson, Michael Inners (arrived at 6:38 pm)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Lauren Thomas, Amanda Ellison, Rob Gess

Public Present: Desiree Maltais

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - GM called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes from 11/12/2019
- b. Teacher contract - Kate Young - Michael Clark shared information about Kate Young.
 - i. Chet Bromley motions to approve the consent agenda, no discussion, Gary Marckres second, all in favor, Mason Maltais abstain, motion passes.

4. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared report included in packet and asked for questions. In addition to written report, shared that there are 11 students left to verify residency for CIUUSD towns. Dave Mills has contacted schools for phone numbers and he is reaching out.
- b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals from the packet. CIUUSD is targeted to end the year with a surplus. AOE reporting continues to drain central office resources with requests for data and documentation related to federal grant reporting. Child nutrition program review took place last week. Frontline implementation delayed until the second payroll of the new year. Training has been sent out to campus users. Monitoring is expected to continue for the rest of the fiscal year. Trying to streamline as many processes as possible. Nathan Robinson expressed concern with the resources the requests are taking away from daily operations. Gary Marckres suggests the Superintendent draft concerns for the board to review and list of necessary resources given the potential surplus. Mason Maltais asked about the auditor's site visit. Rob Gess responded that they were out last week and have been given the information requested.
- c. Principal's - Amanda Ellison highlighted the ExxonMobile Grant for Isle La Motte school. It has been received to put toward science and math activities. Kitchen renovation is on track to fix the grease trap in the wall in the Isle La Motte kitchen. Board members are also invited to Isle La Motte music coffee event on Wednesday and North Hero has their annual Holiday play on Thursday at North Hero town hall. Lauren Thomas shared the Grand Isle concert was last Thursday. It was well organized and attended. 17 male students playing basketball including North Hero and Isle La Motte. Roughly 13-14 female students playing basketball. There was a successful craft fair. Grand Isle is now fully staffed. Gary Marckres shared comment from parent/teacher conferences and parents have shared that they are happy with climate at Grand Isle.

Board Business.

5. Approval of bills for payment - Gary Marckres shared that two warrants were sent out today. Gary Marckres motions to approve batch 1343 in the amount of \$522,175.17, Nathan Robinson second. All in

favor, motion passes. Mason Maltais motions to approve batch 1344 for \$153,625.07, Gary Marckres second. All in favor, motion passes.

6. Second draft of Budget - Michael Clark shared that the second draft does not look much different from the first draft. Rob Gess shared there are minor adjustments to the tech lines based on tech needs indicated by Dave Brisson. Michael Clark shared there is money to move the Maintenance position out of an hourly position and into a salaried position overseeing custodial staff. There is also the addition of a home school coordinator position for the Isle La Motte and North Hero campuses, similar to the position within the Grand Isle campus. There is also the increase for the health plans, however, health care expenses are down due to less participants in the health plan because the buyout was elected. Gary Marckres encourages everyone to review thoroughly. Gary Marckres highlights that the healthcare impacts are less on CIUUSD than the rest of the state. AOE estimated an average of a 6% increase. CIUUSD coming in at 4.5%, CIUUSD is in a good place. There is an increased investment in stewardship of facilities, which Gary Marckres supports. There is also a continuation of supporting after school activities. Gary Marckres thanks Mike, Rob and team for the work as well as the negotiation team for their work. Mason Maltais asked about high school tuition and what the budget includes for numbers. Rob Gess shared it is based on 179 students. Rob Gess has been working with Dave Mills and the residency verification tracking system to verify numbers. Michael Inners asked about the home school coordinator position. Michael Clark and Lauren Thomas clarified the role of the home school coordinator. Michael Inners asked questions about Title I and the small expenses. Rob Gess clarified that it is the portion that it is revenue moved to the school district. Michael Inners asked about the preschool line 139. Rob Gess clarified the increase in FTE from .5 FTE to .6 FTE. Mason Maltais asked about the special education line. Rob Gess shared that it is requirements of share based on the service plan submitted by Michele Weaver. Gary Marckres indicated that we are still waiting for information from the state and should wait on this information prior to approving the budget.

7. Foodservice - Nathan Robinson shared that there have been three meetings since the beginning of the school year. Group took a tour of the kitchen in North Hero and upgrades would be helpful to organize so they can be set up to succeed. Grand Isle and Isle La Motte have better situations. If it is going to be improved, need to invest in infrastructure. Looking at aggregate data of amount of students eating. Need to clarify what is necessary for free and reduced for each campus. Looking at sending out questionnaires and collecting data. Next meeting will be in January at the Isle La Motte school. Michael Clark shared that child nutrition monitoring occurred last week. Did a post-monitoring review. Michael Clark felt that there was positive feedback from the review. The child nutrition review team recommended renewing the contract and not completing the RFP because it would convert to a fixed-cost model, not a reimbursement model. This is coming up at a higher cost for school districts. Rob Gess shared that USDA has mandated fixed-cost throughout the US and the reasoning behind it. Rob Gess shared the powerpoint that was shared at the VASBO meeting regarding food service RFPs.

8. Transportation - Michael Clark shared that they are transporting students from Isle La Motte & North Hero to Grand Isle for after school sports. Did share the proposal of employees transporting students and there was some interest, but there were 10 students who would need transportation. There were not enough vehicles. CIDER was unable to help. Currently using Mountain Transit at this time and are looking at the usage and will evaluate and create more efficiencies after the break.

9. Board Terms - Michael Clark is working on verifying board terms. Shared that the North Hero representative position is up this year. The Isle La Motte representative position will also need to petition for the remainder of the term. For Grand Isle, Micheal Inners is in year 1 of a 3 year term. Nathan Robinson also ran last year, but the ballot was not worded correctly. Nathan Robinson needs to run for remainder of 3 year term to expire in 2021. Need to verify with Melissa Boutin, but it looks like the only position not up is Michael Inners. Will clarify and send out petitions via email tomorrow.

10. Negotiations Committee Input - Mason Maltais motions to enter executive session, Chet Bromley second. All in favor, board enters executive session 7:42 pm. Board exits executive session at 8:13 pm.

11. E-911 Compliance Update - Michael Clark shared that the grants have been applied for and have been granted the grant. Need a commitment for the project. Michael Inners moves to authorize plan as described. Mason Maltais second. All in favor, motion passes.

12. Other - Chet Bromley asked if the maintenance job description makes sense to the board as it does not seem to have enough detail to describe how to do the job. Gary Marckres shared that the proposal that is in the budget moves the maintenance employee out of the union position and there will be a proposal of a new job description with it.

Closure

13. Setting the next agenda - FY21 budget, look to schedule a potential special meeting to warn the budget. Look to schedule special meeting on January 7. Discuss regular meeting schedule

14. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson moves to adjourn, Michael Inners second. All in favor, meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm.