

Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
Meeting Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
At North Hero School

GISU Board Members Present:

Mike Savage, Alburgh  
Mallory Ovitt, Alburgh  
Stephanie Waters, Alburgh  
Carol Miller Grand Isle  
Don Bartlett, Grand Isle  
Nathan Robinson, Grand Isle  
Jane Zera, Isle La Motte  
Jennifer Gariety, North Hero  
Bridget Brisson, North Hero  
Mason Maltais, North Hero  
David Cain, South Hero  
Bentley Vaughan, South Hero  
Melanie Henderson, South Hero  
Gary Marckres, CIUUSD Rep.

Administration Present:

Don Van Nostrand, Superintendent  
Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support Services  
Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology  
Dave Brisson, I/T Network Administrator

Members of the Public:

Bart Wilcox  
Paul Zera  
LCATV Rep.

Meeting called to order by Don Van Nostrand at 6:31 p.m.

**Reorganization of Board:**

Don Van Nostrand asked for nominations for Chair. Bridget Brisson nominated Mason Maltais. Second by David Cain. No other nominations. All in favor.

Mason Maltais asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Bridget Brisson nominated Gary Marckres. Second by Carol Miller. No other nominations. All in favor.

Mason Maltais asked for nominations for Clerk. David Cain nominated Melanie Henderson. Second by Bridget Brisson. No other nominations. All in favor.

Gary Marckres moved to continue to have Melissa Boutin serve as Treasurer for GISU and set a \$3,000.00 annual pay. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor.

Assistant Treasurer was not appointed.

Discussion took place regarding the Policy Committee. Don Van Nostrand proposed the SU policy committee be dissolved as it is a challenge to get policy committee to meet. Policies could be reviewed by a policy committee that is chosen based on the policy that needs to be reviewed, and then individual boards would see the policy with any revisions before it was adopted. Policy committee would include board members, and a quorum is needed whenever

the committee meets. Nathan Robinson moved to dissolve the policy committee. Second by Gary Marckres. All in favor.

No other SU Committees were discussed.

Set Meeting Schedule & Locations: Two separate handouts provided. Discussion took place regarding rotating location of meetings and frequency of meetings. Further discussion is tabled until later in the meeting.

Nathan Robison motioned to designate The Islander as the newspaper of record. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor.

Code of Ethics: All board members have received this at local meetings. Forms were distributed to be signed and returned to the Central Office.

Gary Marckres motioned to authorize the Supervisory Union to accept grants, to administer, and to act as the representative of all member school districts. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor.

### **Adjust the Agenda:**

Gary Marckres asked for a discussion regarding HRA Administration

Beth Hemingway asked for an Executive Session regarding a personnel matter

Don Van Nostrand asked for an Executive Session regarding union updates

### **Introductions:**

Board members went around the table and introduced themselves and the town they represent.

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Bart Wilcox asked when the balance sheet and income statements for the schools will be ready and why has the website changed to [www.gisu1.org](http://www.gisu1.org)? Don Van Nostrand advised that he would check with the public records person in the central office when those reports would be ready.

Dave Brisson advised that it is an ongoing project to update the GISU website, and that gisu1 is temporary.

**Approve Minutes from January 16, 2018:** Carol Miller motioned to approve minutes. Second by Don Bartlett. All in favor.

### **Budget to Actuals:**

Don Van Nostrand gave a quick review from Rob Gess. Special Education is over budget, Professional Services is over budget and GISU is over budget on audit fees, as discussed in previous meetings. Rob Gess and Dave Brisson are looking into e-rate money to offset telephone costs.

### **Approve 2018-2019 Calendar:**

Discussion took place regarding district calendar. Gary Marckres motioned to accept the 2018-2019 calendar. Second by David Cain. All in favor.

### **FY19 Teacher Contracts:**

Will be discussed in Executive Session.

### **FY19 Administrator Contracts:**

Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Carol Miller motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor. Moved into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

David Cain motioned to instruct the Superintendent to offer contracts as per negotiated agreement with RIF notice for Title I position to be sent. Second by Jennifer Gariety. All in favor.

David Cain motioned to instruct the Superintendent to offer one year contracts, with a 3% increase to Rob Gess, Megan Grube, Beth Hemingway and Dave Brisson per the discussion that took place in Executive Session. Second by Gary Marckres. All in favor except Mike Savage who opposed and Bridget Brisson who abstained.

**Executive Committee:**

Don Van Nostrand provided a handout of Executive Committee bylaws that is used in his former district. Discussion took place regarding formation of an Executive Committee. Further discussion will be tabled until the next GISU meeting. Gary Marckres would like Don Van Nostrand to edit the Orleans Central Supervisory Union Executive Committee Rules of Governance and Operation (handout) for GISU to discuss at the next meeting on April 30, 2018.

**HRA Administration:**

Don Van Nostrand gave a brief overview of the changes in our district. Future Planning is ceasing operation with us in May and we will be working with DataPath. The GISU board would like to continue to be updated on this matter.

David Cain moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, union updates, South Hero Special Education Request, Superintendent Review and Union Side Letter Request. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor. Moved into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

David Cain motioned to enter into a side agreement with GISU NEA. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor.

David Cain motioned to approve paid leave for Meg Foster. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor.

Gary Marckres motioned to have GISU sign a contract for special education services required in South Hero, contingent upon a motion made at the upcoming April 5, 2018 South Hero board meeting to reimburse towns. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor except David Cain, Melanie Henderson and Bentley Vaughan who abstained.

David Cain motioned to have GISU offer a 2-year contract, with a 3% increase each year, to Superintendent Don Van Nostrand. Second by Gary Marckres. All in favor except Mike Savage, Mallory Ovitt and Stephanie Waters who opposed and Jane Zera who abstained.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at North Hero School.

**Adjournment:**

David Cain motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.