

Grand Isle School Board Meeting
January 9, 2017
Grand Isle School

Gary Marckres, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Minutes for December 12, 2016, were approved, 5-0.

Adjustments to the agenda were made to accommodate business matters and participant schedules.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Annex Property Report

Mark Cobb, Chair of the Select Board, updated the status of the Annex property. Mark shared the detailed map of the site, permits acquired, improvements, access to the property and Learning Adventure building, septic system easement, gates, fields and overall condition of the property. Mark stressed that the Select Board has been a good land lord, a small profit has been realized annually and the property will be transferred to the school board prior to Town Meeting Day. No public approval is required. The school board will be responsible for the annual maintenance of the property. According to Mark, it's a win all around!

Student Activity Bus

Mark addressed the need for transportation for students to and from middle schools and high schools as school consolidation occurs. Included in the transportation plan, there will be a need for a student activity bus to return students home to the Islands. Gary explained that a unified school schedule is being explored and the new plan will provide a more efficient bus system for all students.

Principal's Report

Eric Arnzen, principal, detailed the following areas:

Winter assessments for grades K-3. Results will be used to correct student deficiencies and to provide proper placement for students.

Math concepts model- provides best practices lesson model for teachers to share with their colleagues.

Literary study- provides readers and writers models for success.

Meal Programs -Eric has met with David Underwood to discuss the school meal programs. Meal prices will increase by \$.10 for all student and adult meals. The GIS school board approved the price increase by a 5-0.

The Abbey Group will conduct an "Eat Smart/Play Hard" campaign in April. The goal is offer healthier food choices for students.

Free/Fresh Veggies Project- encourages students to include more fresh veggies in their diet.

Bus Ridership Survey- bus drivers will conduct data for two weeks and report findings.

Superintendent Report

Barbara Burrington presented an update on the implications of Act 46 and our school consolidation plan. The first public meeting will be held after Town Meeting Day. For more details, visit the GISU link.

GISU Professional Development Day- January 16.

Written report was given in advance of meeting.

FY 2018 Budget Development

Lynn Carpenter updated the board on the newest budget figures. After a final review, the board adopted the FY 2018 budget of \$5,126,888.00 by a vote of 5-0. FY 2018 budget shows a \$230,511.00 decrease in spending from the FY 17 budget.

The warning will include the budget, election of board members, public meeting (March 6) and Australian ballot vote on March 7, 2017.

Bills Approval- The board approved the payment of bills, \$749,442.57, by a 5-0 vote. Payment for coaches and athletic director will be finalized at the next board meeting.

Agenda Building- Items for the next meeting include:

Bus transportation, athletic director position (including job description and pay), unified school start and dismissal times, food service committee report, public budget meeting, Town Meeting Day and press release.

Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

Motion to rise from executive session at 7:50.

Adjournment- 8:12.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Miller. Approved by the Board of Directors on: January 23, 2017.




Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller



Don Bartlett



Mike Talbot

Nathan Robinson