

Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
At North Hero School

GISU Board Members Present:

Andy Julow, CIUUSD Rep., GISU Chair  
Mallory Ovitt, Alburgh  
Ginni Wright, Alburgh  
Mike Savage, Alburgh  
Carol Miller, Grand Isle  
Don Bartlett, Grand Isle  
Nathan Robinson, Grand Isle  
Jane Zera, Isle La Motte  
Mason Maltais, North Hero  
Bridget Brisson, North Hero  
Dave Davis, North Hero (arrived 6:41 p.m.)  
David Cain, South Hero  
Melanie Henderson, South Hero

Other Board Members Present:

Tim Maxham

Administration Present:

Don Van Nostrand, Superintendent  
Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support Services  
Rob Gess, Business Manager  
Dave Brisson, IT/Network

Members of the Public:

Corinn Julow  
Patty Lavigne, The Islander  
Jim Jones, LCATV

Meeting called to order by Andy Julow at 6:31 p.m.

Adjust the Agenda: Andy Julow asked for an Executive Session to immediately follow Privilege of the Floor.

Introductions: Andy Julow introduced Bridget Brisson as the North Hero Board representative replacing Judith Wimble and Jennifer Rafferty as the Isle La Motte Board representative replacing Louise Koss.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Carol Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Second by Mason Maltais. Board came out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. with no action taken.

Consent Agenda: Minutes were accepted as read.

Elect a Vice Chair: Andy Julow asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Bridget Brisson nominated Mason Maltais. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. 12 in favor of nomination, one abstained (Mike Savage).

Elect a Clerk: Andy Julow asked for nominations for Clerk. Bridget Brisson nominated Melanie Henderson. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. 12 in favor of nomination, one abstained (Mike Savage).

Discussion and Possible Approval of SU Budget: Rob Gess provided copies of the FY19 GISU budget. Question was asked if anything had changed since the ~~last~~ meeting? Rob replied that no, nothing had changed. Rob Gess reminded the board members that some of the factors in the budget increasing were due to special education increases, benefits, increase in audit fees and technology. Technology had an increase of \$86,000.00 of which \$56,000.00 was for an upgrade to our software. A discussion took place regarding the Tyler Tech upgrade. Dave Davis made a motion to approve the FY19 GISU budget in the amount of \$3,146,968.20. Second by Carol Miller. David Cain made a motion to amend the budget by reducing it by \$56,000.00. Second by Melanie Henderson. Discussion took place regarding the amendment. Motion was made to accept the amendment to remove \$56,000.00 from the budget. 9 in favor, 4 abstained (Jane Zera, Mike Savage, Mallory Ovitt, Ginni Wright). Andy Julow motioned to accept the amended budget of \$3,090,968.20. 9 in favor, 4 abstained (Jane Zera, Mike Savage, Mallory Ovitt, Ginni Wright).

Authorize Creation of a Bank Account to Manage HRA: Rob Gess explained this was to keep HRA separate from general fund account. GISU will pay initial expenses, and schools will reimburse the GISU. David Cain made a motion to approve the creation of the bank account. Second by Mason Maltais. 9 in favor, 4 abstained (Jane Zera, Mike Savage, Mallory Ovitt, Ginni Wright).

Annual Financial Management Questionnaire: Rob Gess explained this was done annually. It needs to be reviewed by the GISU board. It needs to be signed off by the Board chair by February 28, 2018. Rob Gess gave the form to Andy Julow, who signed as Board Chair.

Executive Session: None needed.

Motion by Carol Miller to adjourn. Second by Dave Davis. 10 in favor, 3 abstained (Mike Savage, Mallory Ovitt, Ginni Wright). Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.