

# Grand Isle Supervisory Union

## CIUUSD Regular Meeting

### School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

#### Minutes

**Board Present:** Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Chet Bromley, Nathan Robinson, Amy Thompson

**Admin Present:** Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison

**Public Present:** Sylvia Jensen

#### Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Clark would like to add school board recognition, discuss regular meeting options, and set the March meeting date. Michael Inners indicated these items will be added to the agenda.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve the minutes from 1/4/2022 - Chet Bromley motions to approve, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Reports
  - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared information from his annual report provided in the packet. This annual report in the packet is in the town reports as well. He highlighted the goals outlined in the annual report. The packet also contains the community letters since the last meeting. This included highlights on the covid-positive surge at the beginning of January. There has also been guidance changes that has changed the communication of covid-positive cases in the schools. Positive cases are now communicated on a Covid dashboard.
  - b. Principal - Amanda Ellison shared that it has been a cold January has affected not only the facilities, but also recess time. The schools have accommodated indoor recess while following guidance. Ski programs have started and planning for summer programming have begun. Amanda Ellison also shared that the school clinician, Dawn Slayton, has resigned effective at the end of the school year. Amanda and the board thanked her for her service.
    - i. Buildings Update - Michael Clark highlighted the issues in the campuses in the last month, including:
      1. Boiler
      2. ILM Heating
      3. Frozen Pipe NHThe board discussed their excitement for carry over funds and Matt Brouillette to develop a capital improvement plan.
  - c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals from the packet. Budget is in good shape. The pellet boiler system has been booked to lock in the interest rate. Rob also updated the board on the RFP for food service. There have been 4 responses requesting further info.

#### Board Business.

6. Board Recognition - Michael Clark shared that this is Chet's last CIUUSD meeting. He thanked Chet for his work and dedication. The board commended and thanked Chet for his work.
6. Approval of bills for payment - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the payables warrant and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, all in favor, motion passes.
7. FY23 Announced Tuition Rate - Rob Gess shared the announced tuition rate of \$17,844.00. This is for students who opt to attend the CIUUSD schools. Brad Blachette motions to approve, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

8. Adult Meal Price Increase - Rob Gess shared updates on the cost of adult meal prices. The new adult meal price is \$1.60 for breakfast and \$3.70 for lunch. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the increase as outlined, Amy Thompson seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
9. FY23 Budget communication - The board reviewed draft budget communications and offered feedback. Nathan motioned that the flier be sent out for the 17 or 18 of February through Every Door Direct, all in favor, motion passes.
10. Annual Meeting plan - Michael Inners reviewed the slide show and suggested that the Informational meeting be remote only. Discussion took place around the options. Nathan Robinson motions to have a remote only Annual Meeting, all in favor, motion passes. Discussion took place around budget communications and updates and edits were suggested to the draft.
11. Act 173 update - Michael Clark gave updates about Act 173 and revenue generated by locally-funded support staff. Michael Clark clarified the discrepancy in funding based on the average taken from fy 18, 19 and 20. There is a growth in special education that is not necessarily reflected in the average. Michael Clark reviewed options and problem solving.
12. Policy F20 - Fiscal Management & General Financial Accountability - Michael Inners indicated this is the second reading of the policy. Nathan Robinson motions to amend this policy to decrease the amount from \$40,000 to \$15,000, Chet Bromley seconds. Roll vote: Nathan Robinson - yes, Chet Bromley - yes, Michael Inners - no, Brad Blanchette - no, Amy Tompson - abstain. Brad Blanchette motions to adopt the policy as presented. Roll vote: Amy Thompson - yes, Chet Bromley - yes, Brad Blanchette - yes, Michael Inners - yes, Nathan Robinson - abstain.
- 13 Principal Hiring Advisory Committee Update - Brad Blanchette outlined his experience on the hiring advisory committee. Michael Clark reviewed the process of the hiring advisory committee and possible outcomes. Amy Thompson reviewed concerns about having a second principal to reduce administrative costs. Board reviewed discussion points from the January meeting that reviewed this topic. Sylvia Jensen shared concern about bus ride time based on conversation around building use.
14. March Meeting date - Michael Inners indicated that the March meeting is on town meeting day. Brad Blanchette motions to move the March meeting to March 8, all in favor, motion passes.
15. Remote only meetings - Michael Inners shared based on legal updates, can host meetings on google meet only. Nathan Robinson motioned to move to remote meetings, all in favor, motion passes.
16. Negotiations update - Michael Inners motions to moves to enter Executive Session whereas premature general public knowledge regarding negotiations would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. All in favor, board enters executive session at 9:15 p.m.
17. Principal contract negotiations - Board exits executive session at 10:02 p.m.
18. Other

#### **Closure**

19. Setting the next agenda - Principal candidate, board reorganization
20. Adjourn - Brad Blanchette motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes, meeting adjourns at 10:02 p.m..