

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, February 12, 2018
At Grand Isle School

Present:

Gary Marckres, Chair
Carol Miller
Mike Talbot
Don Bartlett
Nathan Robinson

Lauren Young, Principal
Don Van Nostrand, Superintendent
Rob Gess, Business Manager

Meeting Brought to Order: Gary Marckres brought the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda:

Math Lab contract
Executive session for personnel matter.

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2018 and January 15, 2018. Nathan Robinson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. Motion approved 5-0.

Gary Marckres moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018. Motion approved 5-0.

Superintendent's Report.

The NGSS-aligned assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. This represents a change from practice in 2016-2017, when the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) assessment was administered to grades 4, 8, and 11.

The development of a new science test that will be fully aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The NGSS-aligned assessment will be field-tested in May 2018 to ensure it meets standards of technical quality. The NGSS-aligned assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. This represents a change from practice in 2016-17, when the NECAP assessment was administered to grades 4, 8, and 11.

A new State PE assessment will be administered to all publically funded students in the 4th, 7th, and 10th grade. Schools serving these students need to plan appropriate instruction, test practice, and data collection for all students.

Mr. Van Nostrand welcomed Lauren Young as Principal of Grand Isle School.

Principal's Report

Attendance for January: 97.37%
Enrollment: 181 students as of February 6, 2018.

Ski Club:

24 students went to Smuggler's Notch on February 6th for their first ski day. Next ski dates are February 13th, March 6th and March 20th.

Ms. Terrien's 2nd grade class finished a unit for Readers Workshop and celebrated by inviting parents in to learn from the students and their projects through a book museum.

Empty Bowls: the 4th Empty Bowls was held at Grand Isle School on January 27, 2018. Annie Brabazon was instrumental in creating opportunities for GI students to contribute through poems and assisting with bread making. Rebecca Gove lent her talents with the pottery that the community could take home. \$4,000 was raised for local food relief organizations.

Teacher Evaluation Process:

Teachers being evaluated met with Ms. Young to discuss their goals for the remainder of the school year based on the domains in Danielson. Observations should be finished before February break.

Night Custodian:

We have a vacancy for a night custodian. The position has been posted on Schoolspring, and we are in the process of conducting interviews to fill the position.

Gary Marckres moved to approve the .4 FTE math lab position and sign the contract. Motion approved 5-0.

The Middle School schedule change is going well.

Board Discussion & Action.

Town Meeting Communication Plan. Gary Marckres distributed draft copies of the Proposed School Budget that will be presented at Town Meeting.

Update on Maintenance Projects.

Gary Marckres talked about roof damage due to the backup of ice and snow. The cost to replace the roof is \$13,500. The emergency request has been signed and submitted to the state. Top Notch Roofing will be replacing the roof. Don Bartlett moved to authorize the amount of \$13,500 to replace the roof over the "map room." Motion approved 5-0.

Approval of Bills for Payment.

Don Bartlett moved to approve bills in the amount of \$104,744.86. Motion approved 5-0.

Agenda Building:

Budget presentation to the public
Approve bills for payment

Board Sharing and Correspondence:

Mike Talbot was approached by Isaiah Ellis-Monaghan who is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. As service to the school community, he repaired the kickboard on the soccer field.

Executive Session:

Mike Talbot made a motion to move into Executive Session @ 7:30 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:06 p.m. Gary Marckres moved to offer a retirement settlement program to all qualifying teachers at Grand Isle School. Motion approved 5-0

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on: March _____, 2018.

Gary Marckres, Chair

Carol Miller

Don Bartlett

Mike Talbot

Nathan Robinson

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