

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Minutes

To view the recording before the executive session, please [click here](#). To view the recording after the executive session, please [click here](#).

Board Present: Bentley Vaughan, Michael Inners, Tim Maxham, Erin Morse, Amy Thompson, Chet Bromley

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess

Public Present: Jeff Parizo, Elaine Chase, Sean Mercy, Nick DeVita

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to share a resignation and make a recommendation for the Director of student support services and add an executive session to discuss a compensation package.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - Jeff Parizo brought forward an inquiry about what may happen for a preschool with the Learning Adventure closing. Michael Clark indicated that he has been in contact with Elaine. After budgets have passed, will be reaching out to current preschool providers under Act 166 to arrange a meeting to explore the capacity of private providers. Anticipate coming back to the CIUUSD board to explore a preschool program. Do not want to undermine private capacity with a public option as well, so want to ensure all stakeholders are considered.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 1/26/2021 - Tim Maxham motions to approve the minutes as present, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Director of Student Support Services Recommendation - Nick DeVita - Michael Clark shared the hiring process and the attributes and qualifications of the recommended candidate. Michael Inners motions to approve the recommendation, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - c. Resignation - Amy Phippen - Michael Clark shared the resignation of Amy Phippen, Admin Assistant to Director of Student Support Services effective March 5, 2021. Michael thanks Amy for the work that she has done since she started.

Reports

5. Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared that there have been 5 cases of covid in the last month and all are within the Folsom school. Most cases have not been close contacts of other cases. Will be having a meeting with the VT Department of Health to clarify outbreak status. We are reviewing practices and procedures at the school and will further explore with the DOH. After the second case, the Folsom Learning Community was moved to remote-only until after break out of an abundance of caution. The business office has been working on budget information. Each district/town had a unique every door direct mailing regarding the budget. Also have worked with the boards to create a powerpoint about each district's budget for the informational meetings.

Financial Report - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals in the packet. No change in guidance around spending in the last couple months. Corona Relief Fund application submitted on 12/9 and have finally received acknowledgement from the AOE on Wednesday that it has been received and they are asking for documentation submission. ESSER 1 funding meetings to plan spending and documentation

gathering for submission is in process and anticipate getting the grant submitted by March. E-finance HR/Payroll continues. All demographic data has been uploaded at this time. Still working on creating reference tables for individual employee deductions. At this time, we are running behind on the due dates because of other priorities. This is a heavy lift to get this up and running and we are doing the best we can with the resources available. Audit work continues and the team is responding to all audit documentation requests. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals for FY21 report #26754 dated 2/17/2021, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Board Business.

6. (C29) District Equity Policy - Michael Inners motions to adopt the C29, F22, F23, D20 policies as written, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

7. (F22) Electronic Communications Use and Retention

8. (F23) Capitalization of Assets

9. (D20) Curriculum Development & Coordination

10. Contract Negotiation for Director of Student Support Services (Executive Session) - Bentley Vaughan motions to enter executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations with a potential staff member, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Board enters executive session at 7:11 p.m. Board exits executive session at 7:31 p.m. Bentley Vaughan to offer Nicholas DeVita a one year contract as Director of Student Support Services as discussed, Chet Bromley second, all in favor, motion passes.

11. Other

Closure

12. Setting the next agenda - board reorganization, policy review continued, management decision letter updates, potential notification of new hire of Admin Asst., Audit report if available

13. Adjourn - Bentley Vaughan motions to adjourn, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 7:35 p.m.