

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Special Meeting

School Board **Special Meeting**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Sylvia Jensen, Nathan Robinson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Clark called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Board reorganization

- Board Chair - Brad Blanchette motions to nominate Michael Inners as chair, Nathan Robinson seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Vice Chair - Nathan Robinson nominates himself, Sylvia Jensen seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Clerk - Brad Blanchette nominates Sylvia Jensen, Nathan Robinson seconds, all in favor, motion passes
- Supervisory Union board representatives - Michael Inners nominates Brad Blanchette, Sylvia Jensen, and Nathan Robinson, Nathan Robinson seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Committees
 - Negotiations
 - Support - Nathan Robinson nominates Michael Inners and Sylvia Jensen, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - Teacher - Sylvia Jensen motions to nominate Nathan Robinson and Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Regular Meeting schedule - Nathan Robinson motions to have the regular meeting be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Meeting locations - Nathan Robinson motions to have meetings be hybrid and the location to be the GISU office, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Annual board work session - tabled for now
- Designate places for posting meeting agendas - Nathan Robinson motions to post at the clerk's office in each town, Sylvia Jensen seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Robert's rules of order - Nathan Robinson motions to use Robert's Rules for small boards, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Code of Ethics - postponed till next meeting
- Communications practices - discussion took place around use of board GISU email accounts. Nathan Robinson motions to continue having the superintendent communicate with all board members via email, all in favor, motion passes.
- Board development - Michael Inners reviewed opportunities through the VSBA for board development.
- Local and statewide education advocacy responsibilities - Michael Inners reviewed some of the legislation that affects the schools and the VSBA has communicated some positions on the matters.

- Designate Newspaper - Nathan Robinson motions to use the Islander for official notices, all in favor, motion passes.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none

4. Consent Agenda

a. Resignation:

- i. Veronica Bernicke - World Language Teacher - Michael Clark shared the resignation provided by the packet. Michael Clark has accepted the resignation under Title 16 and thanked her for her work.

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark thanked the community for voting on town meeting day and reviewed the letters provided in the packet.
- b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the report and budget to actuals provided in the packet. Rob reviewed the food service RFP progress.
- c. Principal's - Amanda Ellison shared the written report provided in the packet. Sylvia Jensen asked about extra keys at the Isle La Motte School. Isle La Motte keys will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the warrant in the amount of \$224,905.90 and authorizing the board chair to sign on behalf of the board. Roll vote: Brad Blanchette - yes, Nathan Robinson - yes, Michael Inners - yes, Sylvia Jensen - abstain, motion passes.

7. Informational Meeting/ Budget Process Review - Michael Inners shared that the budget passed and there was low turnout to the informational meeting. Brad Blanchette was happy to see the reserve fund article pass. This will allow surplus to be used for capital improvements. Michael Clark shared that the community was asking about student progress and this would be good to add to slides going forward.

8. Masking Guidelines - Michael Clark shared updated guidelines as shared in his March 2 letter. The board designated the superintendent to make covid decisions and CIUUSD schools will follow AOE guidance that will take effect on March 14 and become mask-optional. This is an individual decision to mask or not mask and confident the Islands community can be respectful of individual's choices. Appreciate the community's attendance at the weekly community meetings. Michael Clark updated the board on availability of testing.

9. 2022-2023 School Calendar - Michael Clark reminded the board about under statute there are 175 common school days and the potential make up of the calendar. The GISU must have a common calendar. Michael Clark shared potential changes to Indigenous People's Day based on feedback from the Alburgh school board. Nathan Robinson brought up some issues with it being a federal holiday and concern about parents and child care. The board and Michael recognized the juggle of priorities. Discussion took place around surrounding districts schedules in relation to the holiday. The board appreciates the Abenaki Council being willing to come in and participate. Board gave feedback on the calendar. Nathan Robinson motioned to table till the next meeting, all in favor, motion passes - subject tabled till next meeting.

10. Oliver request - Michael Inners shared the request from the packet. Sylvia Jensen motions to grant Erin Oliver the unpaid leave days, all in favor, motion passes.

Closure

11. Setting the next agenda - calendar, retreat planning

12. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:49 p.m.