

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Minutes

Board Present: Amy Tompson, Michael Inners, Mason Maltais, Chet Bromley, Nathan Robinson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison

Public Present: Desiree Maltais, Sarah Peacock, Barb Larvey, Jeri Frank, Tim Maxham, Corrin Julow, Andy Julow

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Clark called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Board reorganization

- Board chair - Nathan Robinson nominates Michael Inners, Chet Bromley second. Nathan Robinson nominates Mason Maltais, Chet Bromley second. Mason Maltais accepts the nomination and Nathan Robinson withdraws his nomination of Michael Inners. Board votes, all in favor of Mason Maltais as chair. Mason Maltais takes over running the meeting.
- Vice chair - Chet Bromley nominates Michael Inners, Nathan Robinson second. Michael Inners accepts nomination. Board votes, all in favor, motion passes.
- Clerk - Mason Maltais nominates Nathan Robinson, Michael Inners second. Nathan Robinson accepts nomination. Board votes, all in favor, motion passes.
- SU board representatives: CIUUSD will need 3 members, board decides to continue to have one member from each town. Chet Bromley agrees to represent Isle La Motte, Mason Maltais agrees to represent North Hero, Amy Thompson agrees to represent Grand Isle. Nathan Robinson nominates Chet Bromley, Mason Maltais, and Amy Thompson, Michael Inners seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- Committees - CIUUSD needs two members to represent during teacher contract negotiations and Support staff contract negotiations. Nathan Robinson and Mason Maltais currently on the teacher negotiations. Michael Inners and Chet Bromley currently on support staff negotiations.
 - For teacher contract negotiations - Nathan Robinson nominates Mason Maltais, Chet Bromley second, all in favor, motions passes. Mason Maltais nominates Nathan Robinson, Michal Inners second. all in favor, motion passes.
 - Support Staff contract negotiations - Mason Maltais nominates Michael Inners, Nathan Robinson second, all in favor, motion passes. Mason Maltais nominates Chet Bromley, Nathan Robinson second, all in favor, motion passes.
- Regular meeting schedule - Michael Inners moves to hold the regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the North Hero School, Mason Maltais second. There was discussion about round-robinning the meeting location. For consistency, it was decided to host meetings at the North Hero School unless there were topics that directly affected one community more than others, then a special meeting would be held in that location. All in favor of the regular meeting schedule proposed, motion passes.
- Annual board work session - tabled for later in the year.
- Posting agenda - Michael Inners moves to designate the school and town clerk office in each member town, allowing posting within 6 locations, Mason Maltais second. All in favor, motion passes.

- Robert's rules of order - Michael Inners moves to adopt Robert's rules for small boards, Mason Maltais second, all in favor, motion passes.
 - Code of ethics - provided in packet from the VT school board association. Board members signed a copy and returned to the Superintendent.
 - Communication practices - discussion took place regarding the use of email and expectations of communication from the Superintendent
 - Board development opportunities - Michael Clark shared that there are 4 new board members throughout the GISU member districts. There will be a new board member training. South Hero has asked that it go to all board members and can be sent out to this entire board as well. The VSBA will also send training opportunities to the email on file.
 - Michael Clark shared information regarding legislation occurring statewide.
 - Designate newspaper - Michael Inners moves to designate the Islander, no discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
3. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark requests to move payment of invoices to beginning of board business, and there are 3 additional resignations to add, and adjust to allow Mason Maltais to chair the consent agenda.
4. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
5. Consent Agenda
- a. Approve the Minutes from 2/11/2020 - No discussion, Chet Bromley motions to approve as presented in packet, all in favor, motion passes 5-0.
 - b. Resignation - Board acknowledges the resignations of Michael Atwood, Ryleigh Combs, Amy Racicot, and Maria Biggs. Michael Clark thanked all of them for their service. These resignations have allowed for administration to not rife teaching positions as a result of the budget. Nathan Robinson motions to enter executive session, Michael Inners second, all in favor, board enters executive session at 7:23 p.m. Board exits executive session at 7:40 p.m.
6. Reports
- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared updates on COVID19 and how the GISU is following the advice of the department of health, VT DOH and VT AOE. Letters have been sent home to families to update them. There have been no confirmed cases in Grand Isle County or surrounding counties. People are being monitored at this time. We are ensuring cleanliness of schools and the crisis team has met to proactively review the protocol. Currently in negotiations for 3 master agreements, 2 out of 3 budgets passed. Working on wrapping up audits. Getting systems and processes up and going to function efficiently.
 - b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals in the packet. Two focus items are the audits and AOE. Positive spending projections for CIUUSD, looks like the district will run a surplus and extra health supplies have been ordered given the COVID19. Many reports are due in March. For future discussion, looking to get possible parameters for AP altered to help create more efficiencies and allow for checks and balances. The second item to be considered is warrants to occur more than once per month to alleviate challenges with vendors. Would like to consider delegating one board member to review warrants on a biweekly basis. Looking to have these conversations in April or May. Auditors have approved these parameters. Update on frontline absence management and the implementation was given.
 - c. Principal's - Principals reports were shared in the packet. Amanda Ellison shared physical building updates.

Board Business.

9. Approve Bills for payment - \$252,998.62, Michael Inners moves to approve, all in favor, motion passes. \$649,907.05, Michael Inners motions to approve, all in favor, motion passes.

7. School Choice update - Michael Clark shared that so far there are 5 applications for school choice. Deadline is prior to April break, so there is still time for more applications to come in. The deadline allows for class size considerations and a lottery process to occur if need be.

8. Isle La Motte grade configuration - Michael Clark shared concern that there was a misunderstanding during the budget meeting that some families may not need to complete school choice paperwork based on the grade configuration of Isle La Motte. Suggest making a decision around the grade configuration so that administration can have conversation with individual families. Sarah Peacock shared that it would be beneficial to have intimate conversations with the families that have students enrolled and have a board meeting to have the conversation with the Isle La Motte community. Nathan Robinson suggests having a special meeting to specifically discuss the Isle La Motte grade configuration. Mason Maltais suggests the special meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Isle La Motte school. In the budget is 1 FTE at the Isle La Motte school - there are slated to be no 5th graders. Michael Inners suggests tabling making the decision until after the special meeting and community feedback.

10. Debrief Town Meeting - Michael Inners shared that much of the questions and feedback were regarding the Isle La Motte school and budgeting per pupil. Discussion took place regarding town meeting presentations.

11. VDH Point of Distribution - Michael Clark shared that the VDH reached out to the board because Grand Isle and North Hero are designation points for distribution. Mason Maltais motions to allow administrator to sign off, Amy Thompson second. Discussion took place regarding the decision. Vote occurred: Chet Bromley, Mason Maltais and, Amy Thompson vote to approve; Chet Bromley and Nathan Robinson vote no; motion carries 3-2.

13. Other - Mason Maltais asked about Goals for the upcoming year: looking for assessment of various programs throughout the curriculum. Principals will bring a proposed calendar of what will be reported on at the next meeting. Nathan Robinson asked about the French program specifically and how that is going based on the resignation letter and the perception of the teacher. Principals will come prepared to share the supports that are in place for the French program this year and what is proposed for next year.

12. Retirement Incentive - Michael Clark shared the parameters of the last meeting to ensure cost effectiveness and trying not to have rife notices. Michael Inners motions to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. All in favor, motion passes, board enters executive session at 8:58 p.m. Board exits executive session at 10:40 p.m. Motion to approve the retirement incentive as presented, motion passes.

Closure

14. Setting the next agenda

15. Adjourn - board motions to adjourn, motion passes. Board exits executive session at 10:45 p.m.