

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, March 13, 2017
At Grand Isle School

Present:

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

Eric Arnzen, Principal
Barbara Burrington, Superintendent
Lynne Carpenter, Business Manager

Meeting Brought to Order:

Barbara Burrington called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Nathan Robinson and Don Bartlett have not been sworn in and therefore cannot vote on any measures tonight.

Reorganization of the Board. Times and dates of meetings will be the second Monday of the month at the Grand Isle School library beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union board: Don Bartlett, Carol Miller and Nathan Robinson.

Negotiations representatives: Gary Marckres and Carol Miller.

Locations to post: Grand Isle School, A&B and town offices.

Authorized board member to sign: Gary Marckres.

Policy Representatives: Mike Talbot and Nathan Robinson.

Curriculum Representatives: Mike Talbot and Nathan Robinson.

Adjustment of Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2017.

Carol Miller moved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2017. Approved 3-0.

Superintendent's Report.

On February 23rd, the Champlain Islands (Unified Union) School District (CISD) held an organizational meeting facilitated by Vermont's Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcomb, and moderated by former GI School Board Chair, Michael Inners. Appreciation for the work done by the ACT 46 Committee and board members was acknowledged and celebrated. The CISD will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and will circulate board meetings so they occur in all three towns.

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The first meeting between the GISU and the District Management Group is scheduled for March 30th, time and place to be determined.

Curriculum and Assessment.

The SBAC is almost upon us. We are gearing up to have our systems and students ready. Megan Grube has begun talking with teachers and principals about how important it is to explain the test and the data that results from it to students. The SBAC is an adaptive assessment. Students will see questions that are easy, hard and just right for them. If students understand how taking an assessment like the SBAC can help them improve as learners and help their teachers understand them as learners, they will be more willing to persist through challenges on the assessment.

Special Education.

The GISU is providing information to the AOE Integrated Support for Learning Special Education Monitoring Team this school year. GISU is being monitored on Indicator 11-Initial evaluation for special education, Indicator 12-Part C to Part B (EEE) and Indicator 13-Post-Secondary Transition Plans. Submissions have been November 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017. Both submissions have been positive. The final submission is on April 1, 2017.

High School Enrollment Update Link: March 1, 2017, updated tuition students.

Business office.

All of the audits have been finalized except for the GISU single audit. That one is almost done. Randall Northup will start his audit presentations to the boards on March 2nd with South Hero's report and schedule other boards at their earliest convenient.

The new Payroll Specialist position was reopened and we have received several promising applications.

Principal's Report.

Capital Improvements.

We are planning for the summer work schedule that includes: continuing with phase II of our tile/flooring project. We are working with Todd Hobson from Clay Point Associates and Sean Ryan from Elegant Flooring around updated quotes. Todd has taken samples from the first floor classrooms, cafeteria and hallways. His initial position is that there is asbestos present in the old part of the building because of the black/tar-like adhesive that tested positive for asbestos and is visibly present in the areas to be completed. Asbestos removal will go out to bid.

Gary Marckres asked Eric to check with the State for any abatement available.

Leadership Retreat.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the GISU administrative team met in Montpelier for a two-day retreat. Work included SBAC preparations (April 10-14), Spring Screeners, Trimester Assessments. As a team, we engaged in deep discussion around leadership and coaching practices as framed by Jim Knight and his book, *Unmistakable Impact, A Partnership Approach to Dramatically Improving Instruction*. This work has direct implications on our SU goals for Data (literacy and usage), MTSS, and Differentiations as we start unpacking these goals and Unpack Big Three Goals and

identifying specific actions steps that will further define what we need to do in order to fully implement and sustain these goals.

GIS has formed a sister school partnership with Zhengzhou Primary School located in Henan Province, China. Mr. Arnzen has been spending time with the 2nd and 6th grade classes, facilitating conversations and learning about Chinese culture and customs.

A small team of educators from GIS (Ash, Annie, Erin, Coori and Gretchen) attended a one-day conference with keynote speaker Jonathan Kozol who talked about closing Vermont's Achievement Gap. GIS formed an Excellence through Equity committee whose mission statement is: ***To improve the quality and consistency of interpersonal interactions within our school and Grand Isle community that influence students' cognitive, social, and psychological development.*** The committee is comprised of students and adults that look at ways to make our school great!

On March 22nd, Youth Motivational Speaker, Chris Poulos will visit GIS. Two assemblies are scheduled (K-4 @ 9:00 and 5-8 @ 10:30)

Board Discussion & Action.

Lynne Carpenter reviewed Budget to Actuals with the Board.

School Budget passed 256-227.

Carol Miller congratulated Gary Marckres for doing a great job preparing for the vote.

Approval of Bills for Payment.

Mike Talbot moved to approve bills in the amount of \$272,836.92. Approved 3-0.

Agenda Building:

Lunch price increase

Review Code E10

Veggie Bar

Negotiations Update.

Executive Session.

Carol Miller moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on: April 10, 2017.



Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller



Don Bartlett



Mike Talbot



Nathan Robinson