

Champlain Islands Unified Union School District
Meeting Monday, March 27, 2017
At North Hero School

Present:

Andy Julow
Jane Zera
Gary Marckres
Nathan Robinson
Mike Talbot
Barbara Burrington, Superintendent
Harry Frank, VSBA

Meeting called to order by Andy Julow at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Julow.

Adjustment of Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2017: Minutes accepted as read

Public Input: None

VSBA Governance Presentation:

Andy Julow introduced Harry Frank from VSBA. Harry Frank gave some background on himself and what he understood about our district. He provided the board members with a handout titled "Good Governance". This handout outlined: Vision, Mission, Goals; Strategic Plan; Work Plans. Harry went over "The Essential Work of Vermont School Boards":

- *Engage the Community & Establish a Vision
- *Adopt Policy
- *Board & Superintendent Partnership
- *Develop a Budget & Assure Financial Oversight
- *Monitor Progress
- *Effective & Ethical Operations

He went over Policy Governance terms: Ends, Executive Limitations, Board-Staff Linkage and Governance Process.

Keep in mind the following: Identify where you want to go; have a detailed plan of action; assess progress. He suggested talking to board members of other newly formed districts in our area.

Harry asked if there were any questions or if there was anything they were hoping to understand better. A discussion took place regarding policy governance.

Harry also provided the board with a handout titled "Basic Principles of Policy Governance". A discussion took place regarding this handout. Harry also had a handout "Building A Strong

Foundation" which outlined training and professional development opportunities for board members.

Harry asked if there were any questions regarding content. Where do you see yourselves right now? Are you ready for this? Are there questions or concerns?

*How can we set a good model between board and superintendent?

*Is there a specific "blueprint" that we can follow?

*Barbara Burrington reminded the board that she and Megan Grube had just presented to the GISU Board about the Integrated Field Review. She pointed out the frustration that they can't get to critical pieces that involve students; that budgets are fairly lean; and she feels that they could be more impactful.

3 Year Plan:

Andy Julow handed out a "Draft Version" of a 3 year plan. Topics included:

1. Establish Governance Structure
2. Establish Policy Manual – start working on Spring 2017
3. Define Board's Interest in Expanding District – start working on Spring 2017
4. Branding, School/Team Identity
5. Define Academic Offerings – May 2017 meeting
6. Define Athletic Offerings
7. Define Extra-Curricular Offerings
8. Staffing Plan
9. Transportation Plan
10. Build FY20 Budget
11. Space Utilization and Assessment
12. Gather Stakeholder Hopes and Concerns for Elementary and MS
13. Outreach to Receiving Schools – Spring 2017
14. Unify Technology Platform
15. Communications Strategy
16. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teachers - 2018
17. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Support Staff - 2018
18. Superintendent Assessment Goal Setting and Review Schedule
19. Familiarize Board Members with Local Schools
20. Mission, Vision Goals Statement
21. End Statement

Board would like some of this work done electronically (for example, policy manual work). Barbara will put priority/mandatory polices in drop box.

Legislative Update:

Andy Julow provided handouts for the board to review titled:

Changes to "side-by-sides"

New Act 46 Structures

Implications for New Structures

Union High School Districts

Considering some of the changes, Andy Julow will reach out to Michael Savage (Alburgh School Board Chair) and David Cain (South Hero School Board Chair) and see if there is any interest in joining the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District.

Agenda Building:

Governance Structure

District Management Group

Policy Manual

Alburgh & South Hero Outreach

Next Meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Isle La Motte School.

Nathan Robinson made a motion to adjourn; second by Mike Talbot. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.