

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Minutes

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

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison, Lauren Thomas

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Clark would like to add ratifying the teacher contract and discussion of signature on teacher contracts. Will move this to prior to Code of Ethics discussion.
4. Consent Agenda - Brad Blanchette motions to approve the consent agenda, all in favor, motion passes.
 - a. Approve the minutes from 2/1/2022, 2/10/2022, 2/24/2022, 2/28/2022, 3/8/2022
 - b. Resignation: - Michael Clark thanked everyone for their service and has approved the resignations under Title 16.
 - i. Kathryn Devlin - Art Teacher
 - ii. Jessica Arnold - Library Media Specialist
 - iii. Erin Oliver - Elementary Teacher
 - iv. Casey Jacques - Behavioral Interventionist
 - c. Hiring: - Lauren Thomas shared information on Morgan Mahar and is very excited to have her join the team.
 - i. Morgan Mahar - Elementary Teacher
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his written report from the packet. He highlighted that there is an increase of illness going around schools - a stomach bug, spring flu, and COVID. This has caused staff shortage and decreased attendance from students. Michael thanked staff for covering for each other. There is a tentative agreement of a new master agreement.
 - b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the financial report provided in the packet. He updated that the use of summer food service programming is in progress. There is a grant for USDA supply chain for local product spending.
 - c. Principal's - Amanda Ellison updated the board on the increased illness in the building that Michael Clark reviewed. She also updated the board on upcoming activities within the school. Lauren Thomas shared similar activities are happening in the Grand Isle campus. Questions about how social emotional learning is factoring into planning events. Both principals addressed how they are factoring this into plans for students.

Board Business.

6. North Hero campus space needs - Brad Blanchette recused himself from the discussion to not create a perception of conflict of interest. Michael Inners reviewed that he attended the North Hero select board meeting and reviewed the needs of the additional space that the town clerk office occupies in the North Hero school. There was also discussion regarding the validity of the lease. There is a need for the additional space given the number of grades and no room left for the library and other specials. There is not enough information at this time to tell if there will be action taken to be able to use the space in the fall. Nathan Robinson motions to give Michael Inners the explicit authority to represent the CIUUSD School board at any meeting he should choose to attend regarding the North Hero campus space, Sylvia Jensen seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Brad Blanchette rejoins the meeting.

7. Approval of bills for payment - Sylvia Jensen motions to approve and authorize Michael Inners to sign the payables warrant in the amount of \$688,774.38, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Twice/month bill approval - Rob Gess shared he is looking to allow the board chair to approve a second warrant in the middle of the month not to exceed \$3,000 per item - this would support the short turn around time on some vendors. This is creating late processing issues for some vendors. This would allow payables to be cleaned up throughout the month. The goal would be to use it for local vendors, amazon, and credit cards. Nathan Robinson motions to authorize Michael Inners to sign mid-month warrants for individual items not to exceed \$3,000, all in favor, motion passes.
9. Approval of Food Service Management Contract - Rob Gess reviewed the timeline and wrap up of the food service management RFP process. He reviewed that he has contacted the AOE regarding the pricing and the bid is in the middle of the pack. This is a one year contract with the option of an additional four years. This gives us the option to assess performance in the first year before extending the contract. Rob Gess outlined the steps he intends to take to ensure quality in the food service program. Nathan Robinson expressed concern that without riding the Abbey Group, the quality of the food service program went down. Nathan indicated that he applauds Rob for the lengths he outlined to ensure quality control on the food service program. Discussion took place around the potential benefits of exploring an in-house food service program. Brad Blanchette motions to approve the bid from the Abbey Group, all in favor, motion passes.
10. Ratification of the Teacher Master Agreement - Michael Inners reviewed the process of the negotiations committee. The contract proposed is for two years for licensed staff. Discussion took place around the updates to the Master Agreement and salary. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the Teacher Master Agreement covering FY2023 and 2024, all in favor, motion passes. Michael Clark indicated that the chair has typically signed off on behalf of the board on each contract, Michael Clark suggests the board sign off on a summary page. Nathan Robinson motions to authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board sign off on a summary page, all in favor, motion passes.
11. VSBA Code of Ethics - Michael Inners reviewed the code of ethics provided in the packet.
12. 2022-2023 School Calendar - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the school calendar as presented, all in favor, motion passes.
13. Merola request - Michael Inners reviewed the request provided in the packet. Sylvia Jensen motions to grant the leave request and that the interventionist job is posted to replace her and that she inform the administration on her intent to return by February 15, 2023, all in favor, motion passes.
14. Board Retreat Planning - Discussion took place regarding opportunities for board development. The board agreed to bring available dates to the next meeting.
15. Act 173 Update - Michael Clark reviewed updates for Act 173. The legislature is looking to have block grant expenditures based on FY18,19, and 20. This would leave less revenue than expected and budgeted next year. Discussion took place regarding possibilities of increasing revenue or decreasing expenses.
16. Other - Michael Clark shared that the CIUUSD buildings have had the equivalent of 3 snow days. The CIUUSD is at the level to not need to make up student days. Historically, the board has not made up student days.

Closure

17. Setting the next agenda - Grand Isle boiler project update, position Riffs, snow days, GISU updates from a GISU board member. If interested, learning loss will be addressed by Megan Grube at the May GISU meeting.
18. Adjourn - Sylvia Jensen motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:13 p.m.