

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Regular Meeting

School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Board present: Amy Thompson, Mason Maltais, Chet Bromley, Michael Inners, Nathan Robinson

Admin Present: Amanda Ellison, Michael Clark, Robert Gess, Lauren Thomas (joined at 6:35 p.m.)

Public Present: Megan DeVinny

Link to Video Recording: [Here](#)

Call to Order

1. Call to Order Mason Maltais called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - Board members request for updates related to COVID-19 and a principal's report related to what is happening for COVID-19 after the financial report
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 3/10/2020 - Mason Maltais motions to approve the minutes as presented, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Reports

- a. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals that were shared in the packet. Significant drop off in procurement. Discussed technology and facility related expenses and will be reviewing needs. From a spending perspective, anticipate CIUUSD spending being under-budget. Tracking COVID-19 related expenses separately to provide information to the state and be able to apply for reimbursements. Invoice approval has turned into a more manual process - when invoices are discussed, would like to discuss having a single board member sign on behalf of the board. Discussion took place around the reimbursement of meals and delivery expenses related to COVID-19.
 - i. Michael Clark updated the board about the GISU Appeal and access to the internet and devices to students within the GISU. The wifi access points are in the process of being stood up in each of the building parking lots. The first one was successfully stood up in the Grand Isle parking lot.
- b. Superintendent -
 - i. Michael Clark shared the role of COLT - continuity of learning team. This is based on the guidance of the timelines released by the governor in his order based on the expectation of maintenance and continuation of new learning. Moving towards the point of continuity of learning, to do that with the highest quality education that is equitable based on available resources. The process of and work of COLT was presented related to soliciting collaboration and feedback from staff members. This allowed for a more refined continuity of learning plan. Document is being put out outlining the expectations during the remote learning time. The "At-a-Glance" and the full document will be posted on the website. Lessons are being developed cooperatively for continuity throughout the GISU. This will help us provide to the state "what we accomplished" - a very different measuring system from standardized testing.
 - ii. Tech and hardware has been covered through answering questions during the financial report. Hot spots are being worked on for each building. Made clear that as we shift to continuity of learning, we will be utilizing the google classroom or classdojo (if they have

previously used this platform). This will help to ensure student privacy. Plan is inclusive of options that ensure that tech is not necessary - this will help ensure an equitable experience. Discussion took place around access to the internet.

- iii. Spring break - guidance around vacations from AOE is to follow the published calendar. We intend to follow our calendar.

c. Principal

- i. Amanda Ellison shared that teachers have been learning how to utilize the resources. North Hero and Isle La Motte are in the process of getting out the tech. Paper copies were distributed for maintenance of work. Some families are trying to limit the use of tech and finding ways to work with the families to be respectful of families' needs.
- ii. Lauren Thomas echoes what Amanda has shared. Teachers have really gone above and beyond to ensure student needs are met. Looking to streamline communication for parent's sake. Virtual Unified Arts classes are taking place. Really raising the bar and leaning on each other and seeing the amount of the staff dedication.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Mason Maltais shared that bills went out for review prior to the meeting. This batch included GISU assessment and high school tuition - this accounts for approximately 95% of the invoices that need to be approved. Michael Inners moves to approve bills presented in the amount of \$867,566.86. Roll call vote: Mason Maltais - yes, Chet Bromley- yes, Michael Inners- yes, Amy Thompson - yes, Nathan Robinson - abstain. Vote 4-yes, 1 abstention; motion passes. Michael Inners motions to allow the board chair to sign on behalf of the board; all in favor, motion passes.

7. 2020-2021 School Calendar - Calendar in packet was approved by the GISU Board at its March meeting. Mason Maltais motions to approve the calendar as presented. Michael Inners and Nathan Robinson expressed concern around a calendar being approved now. Roll call vote: Mason Maltais - yes, Chet Bromley - yes, Michael Inners - no, Amy Thompson- yes, Nathan Robinson - no; Vote 3-2; motion passes.

8. 2020-2021 Teacher Contracts - The spreadsheet with information pertaining to teacher contracts was sent to board members. By Master Agreement, contracts need to be distributed by April 15. Have been working with the Association on distributing remotely. Per the Master Agreement, there are no step or column movements until a new Master Agreement is settled. Revised contracts would be sent once the Master Agreement is ratified. Michael Inners motions to authorize the Superintendent to distribute the contracts and allow Mason Malatis, Board Chair, to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passes.

9. Retirement Incentive - At the March meeting, the Board authorized a retirement incentive. Robin Jarvis and Jeanette Whiting have expressed interest in the retirement incentive as discussed. Nathan Robinson moves to accept the retirement incentive, no further discussion. All in favor, motion passes.

10. Other - Michael Clark suggests that board members email any questions so that they may be prepared for remote meetings. Want to ensure that we are able to address the questions. Amy Thompson asked about the Isle La Motte School. Michael Clark shared that the meeting that was to take place was unable to occur due to social distancing. We have sent out a letter detailing information to parents and extended the deadline for school choice applications.

Closure

11. Setting the next agenda - COVID-19 in relation to remote learning updates, Continuation of Learning update, Isle La Motte building and staffing update - define the grade levels, updates based on state guidance, check in on negotiations in executive session.

12. Adjourn - Mason Maltais motions to adjourn, no discussion, all in favor, motion passes. Board adjourns at 7:58 p.m.