

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Thursday, April ` 12, 2018
At Grand Isle School

Present:

Don Van Nostrand
Lauren Young
Beth Hemingway
Gary Marckres
Don Bartlett
Mike Talbot
Nathan Robinson
Annie Brabazon
Cathie Larson

Lauren Bartlett
Susan More
Nicole Jarvis
Sarah Bartlett
Jason Lynch
Jacob Lynch
Brianna Jarvis

Meeting Brought to Order: Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda:

1. Information items.
2. Class sizes.
3. LED Lighting
4. Executive Session
5. 8th Grade
6. EEE

Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2018. Don Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018. Approved 4-0.

Members of the Public – For Items Not on the Agenda. None.

8th Grade Class Presentation. Brianna Jarvis, President, Jason Lynch, Vice President and Sarah Bartlett, Treasurer reviewed the itinerary and discussed fundraising events with the board.

Superintendent's Report. Congratulated the 8th Grade for their presentation.

Secretary Holcomb stepped down from her position at the AOE. The Deputy Secretary was appointed as interim secretary.

Mr. Van Nostrand congratulated the newly elected board.

Principal's Report. Student enrollment: 181 (2 students left, 2 enrolled and 3 more anticipated)
Attendance #: 95.99%

FriYAY celebration: We have started Friday morning meetings in the cafeteria for K-5 and 6-8 students. The theme for this month is "Donut worry, we sprinkle kindness everywhere". Our themes are discussing kindness with a fun donut activity. We discussed spreading kindness and empathy.

ASCD Conference Boston: Ms. Young attended the ASCD conference in Boston. She walked away with a lot of leadership inspiration and appreciates the opportunity and funding to have been able to

Safety Drill. This month's safety drill was a "lock out" on March 29th at 9:40 a.m. We made sure perimeter doors were locked and if students were outside for recess, they would have needed to come in. A lock out is for when there may be an external threat to the area, and we secure the school. April's safety drill is a fire drill.

Teacher and Classroom Highlights: Mrs. Merola's class took a field trip on March 26, 2018 to WCAX.

Mrs. Sacca's class project on Linear Equations and Slope: Student explanation of activity on MOV.File.

Girls on the Run: From Ms. Terrien – The girls and the coaches are two weeks into the season and are having so much fun getting to know each other. The girls ran outside for 30 minutes at practice this week!

Staff In-service day: The SWIFT-FIA tool was used to identify priorities. As a staff, a robust conversation as to what the priorities are in the classrooms, and ensuring all students find success at Grand Isle School.

Elementary STEM focus: Mas. Brabazon has been working with all staff on incorporating STEM skills. Mrs. Kolk's first grade class, Mrs. Alarcon and Ms. Terrien have been using robots for I-time activities.

Updates: Teacher observation and final documents have been signed and submitted to the district office.

Hiring: We are reviewing the applications for a 1-year Science teacher. We will review all applications on April 9th. Interviews will be held that week. Internal posting: BI until end of 2017-18 school year.

Facilities: A washing machine was purchased for our custodial staff to wash rags and mop heads. A vacuum was purchased to replace a broken vacuum for PM custodian.

June 18th – Graduation 6:30 p.m.

June 19th – Student last day

June 22nd—Staff last day

Gary Marckres moved to approve the above dates. Approved 4-0.

EEE. Beth Hemingway stated a 1:1 was needed two days per week for a student in need (for 3.5 hours).

Budget to Actuals. The board reviewed budget to actuals.

Mike Talbot moved to approved resurfacing the gym floor. Approved 4-0.

The board would like a detailed explanation of the Principal Services surplus of \$35,000.

Operation of Building. There is \$55,000 surplus.

Gary Marckres moved to authorized DC Energy to install the remaining LED lighting in the amount of \$8,589.00. In addition, the board authorized an additional \$2500 to retrofit the gym lights.

Ms. Young would like to redo the fascia on the front of building. Gary Marckres would like to wait on making a decision.

Grand Isle School Board Priorities. Schedule a work meeting for the last week in April. The GISU Board meeting is April 30th. Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. was agreed upon.

Establishing a Written Transition Plan for the CIUUSD.

During the May 2nd work meeting, the board will establish a written transition plan.

Tuition of FY19 Grade 7 Students.

Additional money was requested on a separate ballot item to offer school choice to the entire 7th grade class. That failed. It got 275 votes of support. Some things have happened since that that made it possible to support tuitioning

within the current budget that we have with our incentivized retirements. The main receiving schools have offered large discounts to help. The board would like the tuition standardized.

Approval of Bills for Payment.

Nathan Robinson moved to approve bills in the amount of \$411,293.97. Approved 4-0.

Board Correspondence and Sharing. Mike Talbot asked about the HRA bill payments. Mr. Van Nostrand stated that payments would resume as of last week.

Agenda Building.

End of year facility plan
Tuitioning FY19 – 7th Grade
Results of Board work meeting.

Executive Session.

Gary Marckres made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Approved 4-0. The board moved out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Adjourned.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on: May 10, 2018.

Gary Marckres, Chair

Carol Miller

Don Bartlett

Mike Talbot

Nathan Robinson