

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Bentley Vaughan, Brad Blanchette, Chet Bromley, Tim Maxham, Whitney Maxham

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess

Public Present: Buddy Meuller, Michelle Monroe

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to add informing the board of a new hire under the consent agenda.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 3/23/2021 - Chet Bromley motions to approve, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Chantelle Bombardier Resignation (Speech & Language Pathologist) - Michael Clark shared the resignation
 - c. New hire - Sheindie Ries - Accounting Assistant position approved last month.

Reports

5. Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared his report. This included highlights about the Recovery Plan. Also happy to share that the GISU will be one of the 2 districts selected to participate in a pilot program to test students graded 3-8 for COVID surveillance.

- a. Recovery Team Work - have submitted the needs assessment. We're looking at this as an opportunity and so we are framing in a positive direction and titling the Opportunity BluePrint. Would like to have Megan Grube come to the May meeting to present on the data. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment has also been submitted and accepted by the state.

Financial Report - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided via email. There is no change in guidance for spending at this time. As of today, still have not received any notification regarding the corona relief funds that were submitted. The new allocation for ESSER 2 funds have been released - this is positive news for GISU - looking at approximately \$4.3 million in ESSER funding. Work on efinance continues, but have submitted for a pause in implementation to the AOE. We are among many SUs to request this based on the platform shortcomings and other factors. Foodservice update included we were able to fulfill our obligations outlined last month. For the FY22 school year, the USDA has approved an extension for food service (SSO) - will be able to provide meals to students whether learning remotely or in-person. The USDA has created some waivers. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals number 27158 dated April 15, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Board Business.

6. Draft FY 20 Audit review with GISU Staff - Rob Gess shared the FY20 draft audit for GISU. He highlighted: have the draft audit so early and had the final audit April 15 - anticipate submitting to the clearing house shortly. Rob highlighted the pages containing the major financial reports. Rob shared some of the findings and how the SU has addressed the issues. Anticipate the FY21 audit will reflect the improvements. We are showing improvements in the audits on a regular basis and there was nothing

unexpected in the findings. There was discussion about having Sullivan and Powers present the audit to the board. Rob will reach out to Sullivan and Powers to present the audit to the board in June.

7. (C28) Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Students - Bentley Vaughan motions to approve, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

8. (B22) Public Complaints about Personnel & Instructional Materials - Bentley Vaughan motions to approve, Whitney Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

9. (A20) Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution - Bentley Vaughan motions to approve, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

10. GISU Calendar - Michael Clark shared the calendar draft provided in the board packet. Tim Maxham motions to approve the calendar as presented, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

11. Salary increase for non-union building based staff - Michael Clark is recommending a 3% increase as this aligns with the support staff increase, this is also in the approved budgets. Bentley Vaughan motions to approve the 3% increase, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

12. Transportation Consultation - Michael Clark shared that the CIUUSD board member Nathan Robinson has done some research into transportation since it is one of the fastest increasing lines in the budget. Michael shared that Nathan is hoping the GISU board will consider hiring a consultant to complete a feasibility study for bringing the busses in-house. Discussion took place around the inquiry. The board recommends that Michael reach out to superintendents through the VSA to see if they have used a consultant for this purpose and the potential cost.

13. Other - none

Closure

14. Setting the next agenda

How did students do during the Pandemic; presentation of data that informs the GISU Recovery Plan

15. Adjourn - Bentley Vaughan motions to adjourn, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes, meeting adjourns at 7:23 p.m.