

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Minutes

Board Present: Brad Blanchette, Tim Maxham, Whitney Doremus, Bob Chutter, Sylvia Jensen

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Dave Brisson, Megan Grube,

Public Present: Michael Inners

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Brad Blanchette called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to take a moment of reflection after the adjustment of agenda, and add a resignation letter under consent agenda.

Moment of silence for the loss of the student at the Alburgh school.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none

4. Consent Agenda

i. Approve the minutes from 3/24/2022 & 4/11/2022 - Tim Maxham motions to approve the minutes as presented, Bob Chutter seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

ii. Resignation - Lora Allard: Special Educator. Michael Clark and the board thanked Lora for her work.

Reports

5. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the packet. Rob highlighted the expected reimbursements to offset the over-spending of the special education budget. ESSER reimbursement requests have been started and starting to receive the funds. Rob reviewed the food service program allocations and upcoming summer food service application process. Rob reviewed some of the upcoming impacts of legislation. Bob Chutter requested that encumbered amounts be added to the financial report. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals dated 4/14/2022, Sylvia Jensen seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Superintendent - Michael Clark shared the communications from the month of April. Michael highlighted the legislative updates around PCB testing and what happens when PCB is found in a school. There is no funding allocated at this time for this. Michael also shared that the interviews for the facilities director are scheduled. The waivers for Alburgh and South Hero have also been submitted. The \$1000 signing bonus in the teacher contracts have expedited the return of contracts and the communication of resignations or retirement. There are only a handful of contracts that have not been returned - this has allowed job postings and hiring processes to start.

Board Business.

6. FY21 Audit engagement letter - Rob Gess shared the audit engagement letter provided in the packet. This needs a board signature for FY21. Bob Chutter motions to authorize Brad Blanchette to sign the audit engagement letter, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

7. Technology Presentation/Cyber Security - Dave Brisson shared his powerpoint slides and presentation. Highlights included cyber security overview and updates, and path forward.

8. Health Insurance Designee - Bob Chutter nominates Michael Inners as the GISU representative, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

9. Daily Substitute Rates - Michael Clark indicated this will show up on the local level agendas. Based on the minimum wage, local districts will need to consider updating the rate. The board asked about the rate of surrounding districts.

10. Student Support Services Support Staff FY23 salaries - Michael Clark recommends offering the GISU support staff (not the Central Office employees) what was offered to the South Hero support staff. Bob Chutter motions to provide a 5% increase to GISU support staff not covered under current contract for FY23, to include the \$1,000 signing bonus, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

11. Superintendent Evaluation Process Study Committee - Brad Blanchette reviewed creating a process to evaluate any superintendent. Brad suggests having a working group of 4 persons representing all districts to develop a

proposal for a superintendent evaluation process. This could be a working group. He suggests having Michael Clark involved to help find models and materials. Discussion took place about potential training, process, and historical practice of evaluation. Volunteers were sought and follow up phone calls will be made.

12. Other - none

Closure

13. Setting the next agenda - superintendent evaluation committee, audit, hiring,

14. Adjourn - Tim Maxham motions to adjourn, Bob Chutter seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:03 p.m.