

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Nathan Robinson

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

Public Present: Phil Gore (VSBA), Matt Brouillette (CIUUSD Maintenance Supervisor)

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - 4(b) second resignation - Mary Tardif - .4 Music Teacher, after the principal's report - savings on Act 173 shortfalls, request of leave of absence from Matt Brouillette, and a course request from Megan Walker. Would like to move these items and the retreat planning to before the snow day discussion.
4. Consent Agenda - Brad Blanchette motions to approve the consent agenda, all in favor, motion passes.
 - a. Approve the minutes from 4/4/2022
 - b. Resignation:
 - i. Jessica Ochs - Music Teacher
 - ii. Mary Tardif - Music Teacher
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his letters from the packet.
 - b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the packet. Rob highlighted that the encumbrances are incorrect due to a system error - the team is working on correcting. The food service equipments grants were not approved.
 - c. Principal's - Lauren Thomas and Amanda Ellison shared highlights from the written report.
 - d. Act 173 updates - Michael Inners reviewed the expected shortfall in revenue related to Act 173. Discussion took place about the potential savings to make up the shortfalls. A proposal for not filling open positions was discussed.
 - e. GISU Board member update - Brad Blanchette shared updates from the GISU meeting. This included a synopsis of the IT presentation.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the warrant amount in the amount of \$415,350.26 and authorize the board chair to sign, all in favor, motion passes.
7. Grand Isle Boiler Project Update - Michael Clark updated the board around supply-chain issues associated with the boiler project and the cost increases. Matt has met with the engineer and sunwood bio to explore other alternatives. Matt and Michael reviewed the updates to the project. Install could begin at the beginning of August at the latest. Matt reviewed the differences with this system. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the project as presented and authorize the superintendent to sign off on the proposal on the board's behalf, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Approve the Audit Engagement Letter - Rob Gess shared the audit engagement letter and provided updates on the work completed for the audit. Brad Blanchette motions to authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board to engage Sullivan and powers for the audit, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Brouillette request - Michael Inners shared the written request for a one year leave of absence. Matt has been extended an offer for the one year Facilities Director position at the GISU. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the leave of absence, all in favor, motion passes.

9. Walker request - Michael Inners motions to approve the request of Megan Walker for two additional credits, all in favor, motion passes.

10. Annual Retreat Planning-VSBA - Brad Blanchette and Phil Gore reviewed some of the discussions that could be topics for the annual retreat planning. Retreat timelines and expectations for implementation were discussed. The board discussed the merits of creating a system for goal setting and superintendent evaluation. Discussion around setting the date, timeframe, and location. Phil indicated he would send the superintendent the dates he has available and a draft agenda.

9. Snow Days - Michael Clark reviewed the previous discussion around forgiving the snow days for students and the scheduled professional development for staff during these make-up days. Nathan Robinson motions to waive the student days and convert 3 of the snow days into professional development days for teachers and waive one of the snow days for the teachers and waive the 5 days for support staff.

11. Non-union contract FY23 rates - Tabled until next month

12. 2022-2023 Substitute Rates - Michael Inners reviewed the current daily rate. Nathan Robinson motions to increase the daily substitute rate to \$120/day effective July 1, 2022, all in favor, motion passes.

13. Contract Extension Request - Michael Clark reviewed what has historically been done for contract extensions. Michael Inners motions to extend the deadline for Jill Everett to June 1, she should sign and return her contract by May 15 and identify what positions she is currently an active candidate by May 15 and if she is hired by one of the districts she has identified, she will be released from her contract on June

1. All in favor, motion passes.

14. Other

Closure

15. Setting the next agenda - Non union contract, annual retreat planning, updates on North Hero tank, and the Grand Isle boiler project, North Hero space update, Act 173 and proposed vacancies

16. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:25 p.m.