

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Regular Meeting

School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Minutes

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Board Present: Michael Inners, Nathan Robinson, Brad Blanchette, Chet Bromley

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison, Megan Grube

Public Present: Buddy Meilleur LCATV, Sylvia Jensen

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Clark has received an extension request from Jill Everett and a board correspondence as well to share under the consent agenda.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 4/6/2021 - Chet Bromley motions to approve, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Extension requests:
 - i. Dan Foster
 - ii. Colleen O'Connor
 - iii. Added Jill Everett under agenda adjustment
 1. Michael Clark shared that he recommends that if the board grant extension, that the teacher provide the places where they are an active candidate to the superintendent. They should sign their contract and by June 1, they ask to be released from their contract based on acceptance of a position at a place they have named they are an active candidate.
 2. Brad Blanchette motions to approve the superintendent's recommendation to have the teachers sign their contract, provide a list of places they are active candidates, and they will be released from their contract if they notify the superintendent that they have accepted a position they have identified. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
 - c. Resignation:
 - i. Morgan DeVarney - .7 FTE PreK - Michael Clark shared the letter Morgan sent that was provided in the packet. Michael expressed appreciation for Morgan's work and wishes her luck in the future. Michael has accepted the resignation under statute.
 - d. Board correspondence - Michael Clark shared an email received by himself and Michael Inners. This was an email from Barbara Callahan expressing concern for the condition of the outside of the Isle La Motte building. Michael Clark read the email. Michael Clark indicated that he will forward this email to the principals and the maintenance director to take care of. We have been down a maintenance person all year. Amanda Ellison shared that Matt, the maintenance supervisor has shared plan about power washing the building. Michael Clark shared that Matt has been doing a phenomenal job and is pleased to have him on board and think the position is headed in the right direction.
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his written report provided in the packet. Michael shared highlights including the updates to guidance and ESSER funding and shared that Megan Grube will elaborate on the data later. Statewide testing has begun. And we welcomed Sheindie Ries to the GISU central office - this is the position that allows for some restructuring to accommodate the additional work related to grant funding.
 - b. Principal - Amanda Ellison shared information provided in the written report. The board asked questions about information in the report. Discussion took place around costs associated with some of the repair work outlined in the report.

- c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the packet. He also provided updates on the food service program and the summer food service program. He also gave an update on the audit progress and anticipates getting the draft audit out to the board soon.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Chet Bromley motions to approve the warrant in the amount of \$507,540.28 and authorize Michael Inners to sign, all in favor, motion passes.
7. Presentation of Data informing the Opportunity BluePrint - Megan Grube shared her presentation (slideshow attached). The Opportunity BluePrint is the GISU Recover Plan. The presentation will focus on a high-level perspective. ESSER funding is allowed for some of the initiatives the GISU has wanted to do for a while, but did not have the resources to accomplish. This has created the opportunity, hence the Opportunity BluePrint. Megan shared the three plan pillars including: social-emotional health and wellbeing, engagement and truancy and academics. There are three phases of development: comprehensive needs assessment, plan creation and plan implementation/monitoring. Megan shared some of the data educators are identifying in the first phase. Despite the narrative around the state regarding learning loss, the group has identified that students have demonstrated growth and educators have celebrated these achievements. The board asked about how data is gathered. Megan shared the systemic updates that have taken place internally that has provided the means to compile comparable data. The board commended the work the GISU and its educators and staff members have completed and expressed appreciation for the team work.
8. C25 - Admission of Non-residential students - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading of the policy. Brad Blanchette suggested adding "gender identification" to the policy section outlining groups the district will not discriminate against.
9. E21 - Distribution of Non-school sponsored Literature in Schools - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading of the policy. This policy has some options that will need to be reviewed. The board discussed the options and recommends option A as it makes it cleaner for decision making for principals. Michael Clark indicated option A reflects the current practice.
10. D21 - Education Support System - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading of the policy.
11. B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection & Background Checks - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading of the policy.
12. Isle La Motte Lease - Michael Inners indicated that the drafted lease is drawn from the current lease between the CIUUSD/GISU. The term runs through June 30, 2023. This has been discussed with the Isle La Motte select board who will review it tomorrow evening at their meeting. Michael Inners reviewed the main points of the lease. Discussion took place about sections of the lease agreement. There was also discussion about potential future use of the space for educational programs and the effects of exit from the lease agreement if necessary. Michael Inners motioned to approve the lease as presented. Roll vote: Michael Inners - yes, Brad Blanchette - yes, Nathan Robinson - yes, Chet Bromley - abstained (no answer, possible tech issue). Motion passes.
13. North Hero Roof - Michael Clark shared there is an issue with the roof over the kitchen. Matt has received two written quotes already and is waiting for one. The amount will be over the statutory limit and so is likely that there will be bids presented at the next meeting. Action will be taken to mitigate the damage in the meantime.
14. Follow up on Transportation Discussion - Michael Clark shared that the GISU board discussed this topic. The board has asked him to reach out to the superintendent listserve to see if a contractor has been used in other districts for consultation and potential costs associated and bring that information to the GISU board at the next meeting.
15. Non-union support staff FY22 Salaries - Michael Clark shared the salary increase outlined in the union master agreement and the reasoning behind the salary updates. He shared that this sets the stage for non-union salary increases. Michael Clark recommends a percentage increase. Michael Inners believes it was a 3% increase in new money that was accounted for when creating the salary grid for the union staff. Nathan Robinson motions to give a 3% increase to nonunion staff in the FY22 contracts, all in favor, motion passes.
16. Other

Closure

17. Setting the next agenda - policy work, North Hero Roof bids, possible audit presentation from Sullivan & Powers if prepared.

18. Adjourn - Brad Blanchette motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 9:15 p.m.