

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Special Meeting
School Board **Special Meeting**
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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Agenda

Call to Order

1. Call to Order (M. Maltais)
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard

Board Business.

3. Board decision about grade(s) to operate, including not operate any grades within the Isle La Motte Campus (M. Maltais)(Discussion, possible Action)
4. Staffing (M. Clark) (Action)
 - a. Extension Request
 - i. Megan Walker
 - ii. Alaria Lanpher
 - b. Open positions
 - c. Resignations
 - i. Annie Brabazon

Closure

5. Adjourn

Note: Executive Session: If discussion warrants and the Board so votes, some items may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to VSA 1 §313(a)

***Discussion Items** - Issues the Board needs to discuss and deliberate, but upon which no action is taken at this meeting.*

***Action Items** - Issues that require the Board to make a decision by vote, may have been discussed over several meetings prior to this point.*

***Consent Items** - Routine matters that need no discussion by the Board, but require Board approval. They are grouped together as a single agenda item. Background materials are provided in the Board packet to be reviewed ahead of the meeting. If there are no concerns, they are approved with a single vote. Any member can request the Board remove an item to be discussed and voted on separately. This frees up time at meetings.*

***Information Items [Incidental Information]** - Matters the Board needs to know about, but for which no Board action is needed. The information flow is one way, from presenter to the Board. Questions for clarification are entertained as time allows.*

On Tue, May 12, 2020, 3:44 PM Alaria Lanpher <alanpher@gisu.org> wrote:
Hi Michael,

I'm writing to request a contract extension. I was just offered an interview for next week for a full time position in Burlington and I'd like the opportunity to interview. Please let me know if I need to do anything else to get an extension. Thank you for your help.

Alaria Lanpher
Music Teacher
North Hero School

Megan Walker

11:27 AM (3 hours ago)

to Michael, me

Hello Megan and Michael,

I would like to request an extension for my contract, as I have applied to a few positions.

Thank you,

Megan Walker

Michael Clark

11:41 AM (3 hours ago)

to Megan, me

Megan W

Unfortunately per the master agreement the board approves extensions. While I support the process we used last year I can not promise the board will approve it. I am in communication with individual members of the CIUUSD board and have verbal support from two and still need to talk with the other three.

That process is

1. Sign and return the contract by Nst 15.
 2. Send superintendent list of positions you are an active candidate
 3. If by June 1 you notify the superintendent that you accepted one of the positions above you would be released from contact.
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Megan Walker

12:05 PM (2 hours ago)

to me, Michael

Megan and Michael,

Here is my signed contract. The positions I have applied to are one in Fairfax, one in Milton, and one in St. Albans.

Megan Walker

May 12, 2020

Dear Lauren,

Please accept this letter of resignation from my current position as Teacher Librarian/Technology Integrationist at the Grand Isle School. It is with very mixed emotions that I have decided to not return after nine years. I have loved working with the incredible students, families, community and staff and will profoundly and sincerely miss them.

My decision was not made lightly. I have been so invested in and cared so deeply about the students and community, about libraries and their role as a hub of learning and heart of the school, and about the progress our school made creating a maker space to strengthen STEAM opportunities for our students.

Recent board discussions about not filling vacancies, the uncertainty of the budget and potential cuts being discussed for integrated arts positions including the library left me feeling unclear and unsure about the future of my position. I have advocated for keeping the library/educational technology integrationist position full time in our school and rallied parents and community members to speak up about this in the past. I fear this will continue to be an annual plea and I cannot continue to ask that of parents and the community. This position has two separate jobs rolled into one position and spreading it out over three schools is not in the best interest of our students or the staff who rely heavily on the support of a librarian and technology specialist. I know myself well enough to know that I would not feel satisfied in a position that spread library and twenty-first century learning so thin. And I think this will be the reality if not this year, very soon. I also do not want to advocate for this position and potentially jeopardize a classroom teacher position or a foreign language opportunity for our students.

With such uncertainty in our district's budget decisions and potential cuts I decided to find a more certain position and accepted a job at a school that funds a full time library position.

Grand Isle will always be a special and much loved community to me. I have grown as an educator and strengthened my skills in integrating technology in meaningful and transformative ways. I thank Grand Isle for those growth opportunities. I plan to stay connected through the Grand Isle County Mentoring program. I wish you all the best in the coming school year. I will miss you.

Sincerely,


Annie Brabazon