

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
South Hero School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6 p.m.
Location: Folsom Education & Community Center
Google Meet: meet.google.com/cvw-dvzi-tac

MINUTES

Call to Order & Introductions

1. Call to order at 6:02 p.m. (B. Chutter)

Introductions. In attendance:

-Board members: Bob Chutter, Whitney Doremus, Tim Maxham, Nathaniel Kouns. Absent: Jen Lyon-Horne

-Staff: Michael Clark. Rob Gess, Julie Pidgeon

-Audience: Jim Jones (LCATV)

2. Adjustment of Agenda

None.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Consent Agenda (Action)

A. Approve minutes from the regular meeting of March 17, 2022, the special meeting of April 7, 2022, and the special meeting of April 14, 2022. T. Maxham made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2022, the special meeting of April 7, 2022, and the special meeting of April 14, 2022. N. Kouns seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

B. New hires: Patrick Candon, academic interventionist. Clark recommended the board hire Patrick Candon as an academic interventionist. B. Chutter moved that the board hire Patrick Candon as an academic interventionist. Kouns seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Reports

A. Superintendent's (M. Clark): The Vermont Legislative session has ended, and there were a number of education-related bills. Clark anticipates guidance from the Agency of Education on implementation. The superintendent referred the board to a link in his report for a presentation of summer programs. [Link](#). Clark left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

B. Financial (R. Gess) (Action): Gess reviewed the financial report. He said principals are working on a fiscal year-end inventory. He also pointed out that the link on the Folsom website to pay for school lunch was deactivated by the vendor, and said he is working on restarting that payment process. Chutter asked Gess to explain the summary page information. Gess confirmed revenue will be higher than budgeted due to the small schools grant and higher special education reimbursement. The school is short on anticipated tuition income; however other revenue sources will mitigate that. T. Maxham asked about food service budgeting. The board also discussed Vermont legislation that would allocate \$29 million for school lunch programs in Vermont.

T. Maxham made a motion that the board received and reviewed the financial report 15603 of May 11, 2022. Kouns seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Principal's (S. McKelvie): McKelvie's report was tabled due to her absence.

Board Business

6. Approval of Bills for Payment. B. Chutter made a motion to pay the bills in Batch #10622 totaling \$73,056.17. T. Maxham seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Approve Audit Engagement Letter: R. Gess said the letter authorizes Sullivan, Powers & Co. to conduct an audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Maxham moved that the board authorize Bob Chutter to sign the audit engagement letter with Sullivan, Powers & Co. Kouns seconded the motion. The board discussed the purpose of the audit. Chutter asked if the audits were available on the GISU website. Gess said they are not current. Chutter requested that information be available. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Summer offerings: Presentation postponed until the next meeting.

9. Donald Robinson Scholarship: Chutter shared the names of the applicants and explained that candidates are evaluated based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities and service. Maxham pointed out that not all students offered the required SAT score. J. Pidgeon said SAT scores are not required of high school students now to attend many colleges. Chutter said the board can revisit the criteria for next year; other board members concurred. The board discussed the merits of the candidates. Chutter moved that the board select Kathryn O'Hara as the 2022 recipient of the Donald B. Robinson Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Kouns seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote. Chutter will communicate the information to Sue McNayr. T. Maxham will attend Folsom graduation to present the award.

10. Board Development: Chutter shared information with board members around community engagement. He suggested the board focus on that topic at its next meeting. W. Doremus

asked about courses for new board members and whether recordings are available. Chutter suggested a method to get information by registering for courses to receive the information.

11. Sub rates: Chutter informed the board that GISU wants to increase the amount paid for a one-day substitute to \$120 a day to remain competitive.

12. Couture request: The board reviewed a letter from Tara Couture requesting to have her child enrolled in Folsom for the 2022-23 school year. Chutter moved that the board approve Tara Couture's request to enroll her child in Folsom for the 2022-23 school year. Kouns seconded the motion. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

13. Other

T. Maxham asked about the status of repaving school property. Maxham would like the board to follow-up on that issue. Kouns suggested the board discuss priorities for school maintenance work. The board will discuss with Principal McKelvie.

Closure

14. Setting the next agenda

June 16, 2022: Community engagement plan, capital improvements (repaving, etc.), board goals, data and summer programming reports

15. Adjourn

The board adjourned at 6:59 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote. N. Kouns made a motion to adjourn. W. Doremus seconded the motion.