

Champlain Islands Unified Union School District
Meeting Monday, May 22, 2017
At Grand Isle School

Present:

Andy Julow, Chair
Jane Zera
Gary Marckres
Nathan Robinson
Barbara Burrington, Superintendent
Megan Grube, Curriculum Coordinator

Meeting called to order by Andy Julow at 6:30 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda: The board needs to approve a Line of Credit and open a bank account for the new district; Act 46 Compliance Efforts discussion will be moved to the top of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2017: Minutes accepted as read

Public Input: None

Act 46 Compliance Efforts:

House bill H513 has been passed that gives the ability to create a 3x1 district. By creating a 3x1 district, the CIUUSD will be incentivized. CIUUSD can begin working on a report to the state to include Alburgh School District in the newly formed district under this provision. In this report, CIUUSD can make the case that Alburgh is geographically isolated. The plan must be approved by the state, and Alburgh must vote on the merge prior to November 1, 2017. Mike Savage, Chair of Alburgh School Board, commented that the school would run as usual, and they could continue their relationship with GISU. Andy Julow suggested having the vote as soon as possible after approval. For clarification, it was noted that CIUUSD would stay as it is, and Alburgh School District would stay as it is. Nathan Robinson made a motion to pursue a 3x1 district with Alburgh. Second by Jane Zera. All in favor.

Academic Programming:

Megan Grube had a presentation "CIUUSD Considerations for Curricular Offerings". Included in the presentation:

Core Content (what you must offer in K-6):

- Literacy
- Math
- Scientific Inquiry and Content Knowledge
- Global Citizenship (civics, economics, geography, world language, cultural studies and history)
- PE/Health
- Artistic Expression (Visual, Media, Performing Arts)

Megan pointed out that there are several different models for core content

Technology:

- Provide a learning environment with sufficient supplies and infrastructure to allow for learning
- Maintain collection of print, digital and technology resources, administered by a certified library media specialist; that supports curriculum and is organized and available to all staff to support all students in meeting or exceeding the current state and national standards at no cost to the student
- Ensure students have regular access to the library to use materials for reading, research, and for instruction in the skills needed to select and use information effectively
- Provide broadband Internet service for students and educators to access educational resources
- Support a schedule that provides opportunities for a library media specialist to collaborate with teachers as they integrate information research skills into their curriculum
- Ensure that students are afforded the opportunity to learn the skills to locate, evaluate, synthesize, and to present information and ideas within content areas using technology integration

Intervention:

- Online programs: Example: i-Ready, Lexia, ST Math
- Teacher delivered programs: Example: Leveled Literacy Intervention, SIPPS
- Interventionists

"Extras":

- Provisions for Flexible Pathways: Virtual learning (site licenses), Community Based Learning (coordinator, transportation)
- Personalized Learning Plans: Platform to house plans/portfolios

Megan explained that the extras are "nice to have, but not have to have".

Andy Julow asked Barbara Burrington and Megan Grube what their "dream configuration" would be and if they could begin work on that. Gary Marckres commented that they should work backwards from where we are now. If board members want something specific in the curriculum, they should tell Barbara and Megan to see how it would work. Question was brought up about leadership configuration and how it might be different in the new district. It was mentioned that the board should include the communities in the process and get meaningful feedback from them.

Policy Review:

Barbara Burrington and Ellen Norris went through all the approved policies. They didn't identify any issues with current policies. Barbara will bring the health policy that has been approved by the South Hero Board to the next meeting to be reviewed by the board. The transportation policy will need to be looked at further in the future.

Andy Julow spoke about the CIUUSD Coordinator position that was approved at a previous meeting. North Hero board has approved their share of the cost at their last meeting. Grand Isle Board has not discussed it yet, and Isle La Motte board has approved their share.

Line of Credit/Bank Account:

The line of credit will be \$25,000.00. Gary Marckres made a motion to allow the board to sign bank paperwork for a line of credit of \$25,000.00, and to open a bank account. Second by Jane Zera. All in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at North Hero School.

Nathan Robinson made a motion to adjourn; second by Jane Zera. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.