

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Bentley Vaughan, Trevor Creller, Tim Maxham, Whitney Maxham, Chet Bromley, Brad Blanchette, Nathan Kouns

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Megan Grube

Public Present: Buddy Meuller (LCATV)

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - none
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 4/22/2021- Tim Maxham motions to approve the minutes as printed, Bentley Vaughan seconded, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Resignations. Michael Clark shared the following:
 - i. Dawn St. Amour - PreK Special Educator
 - ii. Emily Dousevicz - District Nurse
 - iii. Mary Fitzgerald - Instructional Coach - retirement
 - c. New hire:
 - i. Mary Cotton - Speech & Language Pathologist - Tim Maxham motions to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Reports

5. Financial Report - Rob Gess shared there is no change in budget to actuals. Finally have been fully reimbursed from the corona relief fund and able to reimburse the school districts. ESSER 2 grant has been approved. There are complex administrative requirements for these federal funds. The FAQ related to this spending was sent out today and it is 66 pages in length. In the final budget passed by the legislature will grant a one year pause in eFinance implementation. The P-EBT providing information to DCF has become a large undertaking. Were able to successfully complete the first round and there is a second round to be completed by the end of June. There will also be a summer benefit and we will need to complete data reporting again in August. We will get it done, but it takes time and resources away from other projects. Rob thanked Alyssa for her training of new hire, Sheindie taking over payroll. The board thanked Rob for all his work. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed budget to actuals Dated May 20, 2021, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared his written report from the packet. He highlighted the first round of surveillance testing, hosting of a DOH vaccination clinic - this had more walk-ins than any other clinic, there are not a lot of licensed positions open, but are short on applicants for special education positions. We do have a chunk of non-licensed positions open - it is hard to hire these positions when they do not start until August. Tim Maxham asked about sub shortages. Michael said 2 have returned as vaccinations have picked up - hoping for a larger pool next year. Brad Blanchette asked about an ideal number of substitutes. Michael said he is unsure, it is dependent on the time of year and the building. All buildings have had principals sub in classrooms this year for coverage, while not ideal, this is a testament to the flexibility of the principals. We were always tight on subs, but COVID has exacerbated the issue.

Board Business.

6. Opportunity BluePrint Presentation - Megan Grube shared that each board has viewed the presentation at the local meetings. She highlighted the needs to create sustainable systems to achieve the goals within the plan. She reviewed the three areas of the Opportunity BluePrint. She also reviewed the data collection plan that will be used. The board thanked Megan and expressed appreciation for the work of all team members. Brad Blanchette highlighted his appreciation for focusing on sustainability of the programs.

7. C25 - Admission of Non-residential students - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is the first reading and these have been reviewed locally.

8. E21 - Distribution of Non-school sponsored Literature in Schools - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is the first reading and these have been reviewed locally. Michael Clark indicated that at a local level each board has chosen option A. The board agreed that option A made sense for the final read.

9. D21 - Education Support System - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is the first reading and these have been reviewed locally.

10. B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection & Background Checks - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is the first reading and these have been reviewed locally.

11. Other - none

Closure

14. Setting the next agenda - Audit Presentation for FY20 by Sullivan and Powers, policy second reading, any new hires - this may be a special meeting due to the high demand.

15. Adjourn - Bentley Vaughan motions to adjourn, Brad Blanchette second, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 7:11 p.m.