

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

CIUUSD Regular Meeting

School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Chet Bromley

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison, Lauren Thomas

Public Present: Buddy Meullier, Matt Broulliette

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - add staff recognition as number 17
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 5/4/2021 - Chet Bromley motions to approve as presented, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Resignation: The board recognized the resignations of:
 - i. Brian Loughlin
 - ii. Julia Goldman
 - iii. Colleen O'Connor

The board and Michael Clark expressed appreciation for their service and wished them luck in their future endeavors.

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared the written report from the packet. He highlighted that June is a month of wind-down in schools. The first round of surveillance testing was complete and no positives were found. Michael also highlighted that even if the Governor's order is lifted, Dr. Lavigne and Secretary French recommend schools to continue to follow the string and healthy start guidance until the end of school. Anticipate there will be less guidance and safety measures in the fall. Michael Inners highlighted that students under 12 are not eligible for vaccination and that is the majority of the student population within the islands. The board commended the "who does what document" within the packet. They found this document extremely helpful and informative to really outline what happens within the central office.
- b. Principal - Amanda Ellison shared highlights from the packet. She also highlighted the experiences at Camp Abenaki for grades 5&6. There is Starbase happening this week and testing is completed. Lauren Thomas shared the highlights from the packet including the rendering of the drawing of the proposed outdoor classroom space. Both principals have a busy interview week with the hope of having strong candidates shortly. Michael Inners requested that board members be added to the mailing list of the weekly newsletters for each campus.
- c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the packet. He also included a revenue report. There is no change in projections for ending the year - revenue will exceed budget. There were expenditure advantages due to COVID and limited spending. Rob gave updates on ESSER approval as well as shared that Corona Relief funds have been released to the SU to distribute to the individual districts. Rob gave an update on Foodservice that included P-EBT updates. Michael Clark highlighted that the P-EBT data transfer being moved to the Central Office instead of DCF has pulled a lot of resources from the Business Office. Rob Gess also shared that the draft audit is close to complete - likely able to have the presentation at the July meeting.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Voucher warrant for \$121,890.92. Michael Inners motions to approve the presented voucher warrant and sign on the board's behalf, Chet Bronley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

7. Addition of second Kindergarten Teacher - Lauren Thomas shared the written report provided in the packet. This request consists of adding additional staff to the Kindergarten grade level. Brad Blanchette motions to approve the additional FTE, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

8. .4 Custodial Position - Michael Clark shared this is a non-licensed addition. With the start of Matt Brouillette, there are a lot of large projects he is undertaking as the maintenance supervisor. With this custodial addition, it will free up time for Matt to focus on the projects in a proactive way. In the short run this will pay for itself. Brad Blachette motions to support the superintendent's decision to increase the position, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

9. Retreat Schedule/Agenda - Michael Inner suggested tabling until the end of the meeting.

10. North Hero Roof bids - Matt Brouillette highlighted the work proposed in the 3 bids included in the packet for the roof. Matt reviewed the pros and cons of each bid. Matt has recommended Turnbaugh based on cost and service. Michael Inners motions to approve the recommendation of Turnbaugh for \$28,500, no further discussion, motion passes.

11. Boiler Bid RFP Development Process - Michael Clark indicated that this does not require board approval based on cost. This was included in the packet to ensure the board was aware. Michael commended Matt on the work he has completed related to this project and the other projects being completed. Matt Brouillette reviewed the process and site visit he completed with the various contractors. He reviewed the age and maintenance costs of the various heating systems and the project options. The board thanked Matt for his work.

12. C25 - Admission of Non-residential students - Michael Inners reviewed the policy. Chet Bromley motions to approve the policy C25, all in favor, motion passes.

13. E21 - Distribution of Non-school sponsored Literature in Schools - Michael Inners reviewed the policy, the board has chosen option A. Brad Blanchette motions to accept option A in policy E21, all in favor, motion passes.

14. D21 - Education Support System - Michael Inners reviewed the policy. Michael Inners motions to accept policy D21, all in favor, motion passes.

15. B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection & Background Checks - Michael Inners reviewed the policy. Brad Blanchette motions to accept B20, all in favor, motion passes.

16. Schedule a hiring meeting for June - Michael Clark recommends scheduling a meeting June 22 to consider any potential hires so as not to wait until July to hire licensed candidates. This would be a short meeting based on the agenda item. Michael Clark noted that a quorum of the board has indicated they will be available; will schedule if needed and let the board know.

17. Other -

Retreat schedule revisited - Michael Inners suggested using Doodle Poll to find a time in August for the board retreat. Michael Inners suggested a weekend based on work schedules given that it would be an extended meeting. The board reviewed what a board retreat consists of.

COVID recognition - Michael Clark shared that the South Hero board has awarded staff members recognition and appreciation for the excess work associated with COVID - this worked out to be approximately \$250 for each employee. The board reviewed their appreciation of the amount of work that has been completed by teachers, faculty, and staff within the schools. Recognition is well-deserved to show the gratitude and appreciation for all staff members. Very grateful for the work completed during the summer and then continue throughout the year. It has been incredible. Michael Inners motions to make an extra payment to all staff members in the CIUUSD campuses of \$250, all in favor, motion passes. Michael Clark thanked the board for the work of the board throughout the pandemic as well.

Closure

18. Setting the next agenda - Audit Presentation, develop retreat agenda for August, policy work continues based on the schedule, update on the North Hero and Isle La Motte town office lease statuses.

19. Adjourn - Brad Blanchette motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:15 p.m.