

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Nathan Robinson

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

Public Present: Ellen Dorsch, Karen Ames, Anne Brabazon, Dorothy Sacca, Riahanna Fitzgerald, Peter St. Clair, William Fitzgerald, Matt Brouillette

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Clark would like to add a hire - Brian Berlinger, Guidance, to before the superintendent report. Nathan Robinson would like to ask about the turnover rate. This will be addressed in the Superintendent report.
4. Consent Agenda - Brad Blanchette motions to accept the consent agenda as-is, roll vote: Brad Blanchette - yes, Nathan Robinson - abstain, Michael Inners - yes.
 - a. Approve the minutes from 5/3/2022 & 5/20/2022
 - b. Resignation:
 - i. Veronica Bernicke - World Language Teacher
 - ii. Molly Terrien - Elementary Teacher
 - iii. Amy Dubois - Behavioral Interventionist
 - iv. Stacy Beaulieu - Paraprofessional
 - v. Sarah Thompson - Elementary Teacher
 - vi. Allison Gregory - Prek/Interventionist
 - vii. Jill Everett - Guidance Counselor
 - viii. Cade Nesbitt - Behavioral Interventionist
 - c. Hiring:
 - i. Lisa Charlebois - World Language Teacher
 - ii. Lauren Drasler - Library Media Specialist
 - iii. Victoria Morrison - Art Teacher
 - iv. Rachel Gammal - Math Interventionist
 - v. Alexandra Lovejoy - Elementary Teacher
 - vi. Veronica McMorrow - Literacy Interventionist
 - vii. Madison Gibbons - Music Teacher
 - viii. Katelyn Beebe-Peat - Elementary
 - ix. Chelsea French - Prek & Interventionist
 - x. Natalie Kendrach - Interventionist

Michael Clark recommends Brian Berlinger for the Guidance Counselor position. Brad Blanchette motions to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark addressed Nathan Robinson's question around turnover. Michael Clark indicated this is a reflection of the turnover rates for teaching positions within the nation. There are also folks who have resigned to take jobs closer to home. The folks that are coming in are excited to be joining the team and be in a smaller community school. Each person leaving has the opportunity to complete an exit survey and have the opportunity to request an exit interview. Brad Blanchette asked about the signing bonus. Michael indicated this has been very helpful in the hiring process and getting resignations from folks leaving sooner. Michael Clark

reviewed the written report and communications included in the packet. Discussion took place on the closing of the legislative session and some of the impacts.

- b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the financial report and summary provided in the packet. Rob highlighted that spending for this year is wrapping up and ordering for FY23 will be opened later this week. Budgets for FY23 will be uploaded into the accounting system in early July. Rob also highlighted the updates to the chart of accounts. Due to the updates, a budget to actuals will not be provided in the July packet.
- c. Principal's - Amanda Ellison shared the written board report from the packet. She highlighted the activities students are participating in for the end of the year. She also highlighted the materials distribution at the Isle La Motte School. Lauren Thomas highlighted the activities students are participating for the end of the year.
- d. GISU Board member update - Brad Blanchette shared updates from the GISU meeting. Brad highlighted that standardized testing was a topic of discussion and that the longer a student is within the GISU, the better the student does. GISU students tend to do better on testing. Megan Grube highlighted that this is one snapshot of the student. Brad also updated the board around the superintendent evaluation process committee and the timeline for the first meeting.

Board Business.

6. Principal Thomas Recognition - Michael Inners thanked Lauren Thomas for her work during her time at the CIUUSD. The board echoed their thanks.

7. Approval of bills for payment - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the first warrant of \$584,687.91 and authorizes Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, all in favor, motion passes. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the first warrant of \$50,977.19 and authorizes Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, all in favor, motion passes.

8. Oil Pre-Buy Proposal - Discussion took place regarding the buy-in options. Rob Gess will reach out to Rowley Fuels around the deadline for the pre-buy. Brad blanchette motions to prebuy 2,000 gallons of oil through the pre-buy program, all in favor, motion passes. Brad Blanchette motions to exceed the \$2,000 threshold to prebuy oil mid-month, all in favor, motion passes.

9. Progress Flag request - Riahanna Fitzgerald presented on behalf of the student council and the rainbow diversity and inclusion club. Riahanna gave a history of the progress flag and the symbol of the safe space, community, and inclusion. The public present expressed pride in Riahanna for her presentation and support for flying the progress flag. Brad Blanchette motions to accept the request of the student to fly the progress flag within the timeline the student and administration feels best, all in favor, motion passes. Nathan Robinson would like to set a policy in the future around flag raising.

10. Grand Isle Boiler Project update - Matt Brouillette updated the boilers should be onsite within the next couple of weeks and able to be installed in early July. Will need to start sourcing pellets. Looking to be done at the beginning of October.

11. North Hero Oil Tank update - Matt Brouillette gave updates about the tank and the temporary tank.

12. North Hero space update - Michael inners shared that the North Hero town budget has passed. The project of moving the town office will proceed. Amanda Ellison gave an update on the materials ordered for the library last year.

13. Act 173 and proposed vacancies - Michael Clark indicated there are two positions recommended to not be filled - the Maintenance position, .4 FTE Music, and School Clinician position. Nathan Robinson motions to leave these positions vacant, all in favor, motion passes.

14. Annual Retreat Planning - Michael Inners reviewed the draft agenda provided by Phil Gore in the packet. Michael Inners motions to set Saturday, July 9 as the Annual Retreat date, potentially from 10-2, all in favor, motion passes.

15. Other - none

Closure

16. Setting the next agenda - update on pre-buy, any updates on oil tank or boiler, North Hero space update, finishing touches on Annual Retreat planning

17. Adjourn - Brad Blanchette motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 7:40 p.m.