

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2015

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda.

Add: Act 46 Discussion

Add: Novus Energy—Solar opportunity discussion

Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2015.

Don Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of June 29, 2015. Approved 3-0 with one abstention.

Superintendent's Report.

Gary Marckres welcomed the new Superintendent, Barbara Burrington.

Ms. Burrington requested input from the board chairs in regards to creating a Superintendent's Report that is unifying throughout the district. Ms. Burrington also requested input from the Vermont Superintendents Association and has had many responses from Superintendents all over the state around different structures that have been created. She will seek input from Beth Hemingway, the business manager and the curriculum coordinator for the Report. This information would be used in a monthly report and sharpen and refine communication within the SU and not just five independent schools.

Ms. Burrington will come to the first board meeting of the month with the business manager as well as attend the Act 46 meetings, the GISU meetings and any meetings the board would request Ms. Burrington to attend.

Teri Geney suggested the monthly written report be provided to board members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Burrington attended the BEST Institute where she met with the Principals, the Curriculum Coordinator and the Director of Student Services. They developed a summer calendar with some administrative team meetings and one-on-one time with the principals.

SWIFT will meet every Wednesday with the five Principals and the Curriculum Coordinator and sometimes Beth Hemingway.

Ms. Burrington met with Eric Arnzen for 2 ½ hours and reviewed everything from celebrations and items of concern. It was a very productive.

The Consolidated Federal Grant was submitted late. Grand Isle was a beneficiary of the grant being late as Eric did a lot of work to create a school-wide plan all those resources can go to any students who need it.

As a result of the federal audit that the district underwent this spring, there are many corrective actions that need to take place. The biggest loss is the loss of the 21c grant. The after school GRACE program has been eliminated effective immediately. The Principals, the Curriculum Coordinator and Ms. Burrington spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to provide after school programs for the students. Further discussion followed.

Immediate attention is needed on the outdated policies at the GISU level and not in compliance. This is a result of the federal audit. Ms. Burrington offered to go over the audit with the board members.

Ms. Burrington has enrolled in the Vermont Superintendent's Leadership Academy next month.

Board Discussion & Action.

Teri Geney moved to participate in the Act 46 study. Approved 4-0.

FY16 Maintenance Plan. Eric Arnzen will handle any input from the board. Teri Geney recommended the potholes in the parking lot be patched. Gary Marckres stated this was a drainage issue, which should also be addressed.

The playground is due for safety surfacing the playground prior to fall. Teri will research previous cost.

Gary Marckres had several concerns: the two electrical boxes outside need to be repaired, sink holes on the playground need to be addressed and tile in the foyer needs to be replaced. Teri asked if foyer quotes had been obtained.

Don Bartlett confirmed that the Woodchip boiler had been repaired and fire dept concerns addressed.

Approval of Bills for Payment.

Teri Geney moved to pay FY15 bills in the amount of \$6,080.16. Approved 4-0.

Gary Marckres oved to pay FY16 bills in the amount of \$226,486.27. Approved. 4-0.

Board Correspondence & Sharing.

Gary Marckres moved to authorize central office to provide information to Novus Energy.
Approved 4-0.

Agenda Building.

FY16 Maintenance
FY16 Staffing Plan
The Annex
High School Enrollment

Executive Session.

Carol Miller made a motion to move into Executive Session @7:30 p.m. Approved 4-0.

Teri Geney made a motion to move out of Executive Session @ 7:35 p.m. Approved 4-0.

Don Bartlett moved to sign the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$550,000. Approved 4-0.
Carol Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Approved 4-0.


MINUTES CERTIFICATION:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted on August 10, 2015

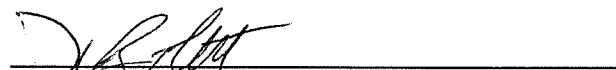
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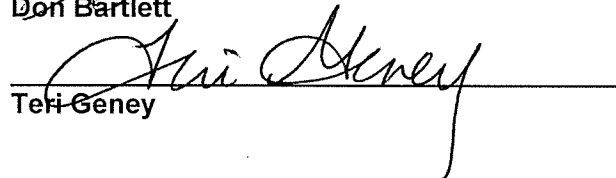
Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller



Don Bartlett



Teri Geney

Mike Talbot