

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Minutes

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Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Nathan Robinson, Chet Bromley

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison

Public Present: Matt Brouillette, Sylvia Jensen, Buddy Meuller

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - Sylvia Jensen asked the board to consider the agenda item at the next meeting of reviewing the use of commercial kitchen at the Isle La Motte School. The board indicated it would add an item to it's September Agenda.
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Inners indicted the need to add two hires to the consent agenda. Also need to add after consent agenda an opportunity for Matt to review the Grand Isle boiler project.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 7/6/2021 - Brad Blanchette motions to approve minutes as presented, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. New hires
 - i. Katelyn Beebe-Peat - Michael Clark shared his recommendation of Katelyn Beebe-Peat for the elementary position within the Grand Isle School. Chet Bromley motions to approve the superintendent's recommendation, all in favor, moton passes.
 - ii. Desiree Maltais - Michael Clark shared this is informational that Desiree Maltais will be filling the .7 FTE Health Assistant position at the North Hero school.

Additional item: Matt Brouillette reviewed updates regarding the Grand Isle broiler. This is informational at this time and a written report will be provided when it is time for the board to make decisions. Information included bids for replacement and repair. Matt reviewed the potential costs and cost savings. Matt reviewed that the current boilers are past their life expectancies. The concern is that going into the heating season, the backup boiler will fail and the school will have no heat. Matt reviewed the construction potentials for each possible route. Matt also shared the estimated maintenance time for each of the potential solutions for the heating system. Matt reviewed the timelines related to each of the potential solutions. The board did agree that repairing the current system would not be cost effective. The board questions capital planning for the other systems in the future. The board agreed that resources should be spent focusing on the propane and the pellet solutions.

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark indicated that there is not a written report provided. Everyone is starting to gear up for the start of school and today's press conference reviewed some of the potential guidelines - have not yet received the written guidance. More will come on that once written guidance is received and reviewed. We are also working on the professional development for the start of the year for staff. Information on the year-long institutes for professional development for staff. This is the type of PD that attracts and retains teachers. Michael Inners asked about families requesting remote options. Michael Clark shared that there has not been any requests from CIUUSD families.
- b. Principal - Michael Inners shared that the Principals are attending the VPA conference and have provided a written report in the packet.
- c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals for FY21 and FY22 that was provided in the packet. In the process of wrapping up FY21. The business office is working on completing the reporting to the state due by August 15 using the wrap up of Fy21. Will be adding a cover letter summary to the budget to actuals in September. Rob shared an update on food service - applications for FY22 have been submitted and we

should be good to go for the upcoming school year. Have been reviewing the RFP for food service. It is a 90 day review process with the childhood nutrition folks prior to going out to bid in the October timeframe. The initial draft audit was received this afternoon and there are 7 items that Fred requested and the team is already working on the response to submit tomorrow. Nathan Robinson gave kudos to Rob and Michael and the team in completing the audit in a timely manner.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the voucher warrant for \$47,590.00 and authorize the chair to sign, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Chet Bromley motions to approve the voucher warrant for \$792,019.38 and authorize the chair to sign, all in favor, motion passes.
7. Finalize August Retreat Date - Michael Inners indicated he has put out a doodle poll to find a time that works. He has suggested Saturdays due to work schedules. Michael Inners reviewed potential agenda items and format for the meeting. Discussion took place around meeting planning. Michael Inners will send a doodle poll to the board to gain consensus on a time.
8. Designate regular meeting Location - Discussion took place around the pros and cons of various spaces available to host the board meetings. Michael Inners motions to use the Grand Isle School building as the designated meeting location, all in favor, motion passes.
9. C24 - Interscholastic Sports - Michael Inners reviewed the changes suggested in the first reading of the policy. Chet Bromley motions to approve C24, all in favor, motion passes.
10. F26 - Security Cameras - Chet Bromley motions to approve F26, all in favor, motion passes.
11. C20 - Student Conduct & Discipline - Chet Bromley motions to approve C20, all in favor, motion passes.
12. B21 - Professional Development - Chet Bromley motions to approve B21, all in favor, motion passes.
13. GISU lease - Michael Inners reviewed the draft is the same as the lease in place. The proposal is to extend the lease with the same terms until 2025. Chet Bromley motions to approve the GISU lease and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board. No further discussion, motion passes. Michael Clark thanked the board - the space adds to the professionalism of the office and it is a great space.
14. Eagle Care Lease - Michael Inners reviewed Eagle Care use of the space and current lease rate. Michael Inners indicated this is an at-will lease. Chet Bromley motions to approve the Eagle Care Lease and authorize Michael Inners to sign the lease on behalf of the board. No further discussion, motion passes.
15. North Hero Library Space Update - Amanda Ellison shared updates on the library including gaining additional space for the North Hero School and prioritizing a library in order to display all the books available to the students. Amanda expanded upon the process of drafting what will fit best for the space. This includes updating the non-fiction books. Amanda shared the timeline for the opening of the updated library as well as the additional considerations to maximize student engagement within the space.
16. VSBIT Proxy & 17. VEHI Proxy - Michael Inners reviewed VSBIT and VEHI and their role and the process of designating a voting representative. Michael Inners indicated he will be attending and requested to be designated as the proxy. Michael Clark is currently the chair of VSBIT. Brad Blanchette motions to designate Michael Inners as the proxy for both VSBIT and VEHI, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passes.
18. Other

Closure

19. Setting the next agenda - audit (if available), policy work continued, start of school updates, Grand Isle heating system update, rental kitchen update from Sylvia Jensen.
20. Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 8:22 p.m.