

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
North Hero School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: North Hero Education & Community Center

Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Mason Maltais) | 7:00 p.m. |
| 2. Adjust the Agenda | 7:05 p.m. |
| 3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard | 7:10 p.m. |
| 4. Consent Agenda (Action) | 7:15 p.m. |
| a. Approve the minutes from 7-10-2018 | |
| b. Approve new hire contracts | |
| 5. Reports (<i>Discussion</i>) | 7:20 p.m. |
| a. Superintendent's | |
| Audit Update and Special Education Director | |
| b. Principal's | |
| Facilities Update, Hiring, Summer Programing, Safety Grant | |
| c. Financial | |

Board Business.

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| 6. Approval of Bills for Payment (Mason Maltais) (Action) | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7. Short Term Funding (Michael Clark) (Discussion/Possible Action) | 7:40 p.m. |
| 8. GISU.org email accounts for board member (Michael Clark)(Discussion) | 7:50 p.m. |
| 9. Other | |

Closure

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| 10. Setting the next agenda (Discussion) | 8:00 p.m. |
| 11. Adjourn | 8:05 p.m. |

Note: Executive Session: If discussion warrants, and the Board so votes, some items may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to VSA 1 §313(a)

Discussion Items - Issues the Board needs to discuss and deliberate, but upon which no action is taken at this meeting.

Action Items - Issues that require the Board to make a decision by vote, may have been discussed over several meetings prior to this point.

Consent Items - Routine matters that need no discussion by the Board, but require Board approval. They are grouped together as a single agenda item. Background materials are provided in the Board packet to be reviewed ahead of the meeting. If there are no concerns, they are approved with a single vote. Any member can request the Board remove an item to be discussed and voted on separately. This frees up time at meetings.

Information Items [Incidental Information] - Matters the Board needs to know about, but for which no Board action is needed. The information flow is one way, from presenter to the Board. Questions for clarification are entertained as time allows.

Minutes Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__

Jennifer Gariety _____

Bridget Brisson _____

Mason Maltais _____

North Hero School Board
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 | North Hero School

Board Present: Bridget Brisson and Jennifer Gariety

Absent: Mason Maltais

Administration Present: Joseph Resteghini (Principal), Rob Gess (Business Manager)

Guests: None

Call Meeting to Order

B. Brisson called the meeting to order at 6:59PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Brisson leads the pledge of allegiance.

Adjustment of the Agenda

B. Brisson states there are no monthly budget to actuals to review under board action.

Approval of the Minutes

June 5th, 2018: J. Gariety makes a motion to approve the minutes. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

Recognition of Visitors

There are no visitors present.

Principal's Report

A written report has been distributed to the board for review. J. Resteghini reviews the highlights:

- Summer camps have started this week and will continue for the next two weeks. Hunger Free Vermont has provided snacks and "backpack" meals.
- Search continues for a behavioral interventionist and long-term maternity substitute teacher.
- State of Vermont Safety Grants will be awarded August 1st.
- Installation of the new gym floor will start August 13th and will take a week to complete.

J. Resteghini reads a statement aloud expressing regret at the loss of Donald Van Nostrand as superintendent.

Business of the Board

Budget to Actuals

Removed under adjustment to the agenda.

Approve school and town loan agreement

The agreement is not available for the board to review. C. Julow leaves to retrieve from the town office.

Approve Anticipated Hire of Music Teacher and Behavioral Specialist

The contract for the music teacher is in the process of being created. The behavioral specialist position is still in the interview stage. No action is taken on this item.

Approve Bills for Payment

J. Gariety asks about a bill for a cooler/water station. R. Gess states this bill should be charged to Medicaid. The bill is removed, the warrant will be reduced by \$950.95.

Approve school and town loan agreement

C. Julow submits the agreement to the board and they review it.

J. Gariety motions to approve the loan agreement with the Town of North Hero with no changes from last year. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

B. Brisson and J. Gariety sign the agreement.

Approve Bills for Payment

J. Gariety motions to approve June bills for fiscal year 17/18, minus the \$950.95, in the amount of \$34,949.06. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

J. Gariety motions to approve July bills for fiscal year 18/19 in the amount of \$1,890.14. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2018.

Agenda items:

- August enrollment

Executive Session

None needed.

Adjournment

J. Gariety motions to adjourn at 7:26PM. B. Brisson seconds the motion and it passes 2-0 with no further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted, Corinn Julow

CC: Board Members, GISU Office, Principal, Town Clerk's Office

Grand Isle Acting Superintendent's Board Report

July 2018

Introduction

I'm pleased to be joining the GISU as the Acting Superintendent.

Most recently I have been the Superintendent for the Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union, in Concord Vermont, for the last three years. ECSU consisted of eight member districts three of which operate preK-8 and tuition their students. The other five districts did not operate schools and tuition all of their students preK-12. The communities of ECSU worked with 14 other districts in the Northeast Kingdom to reduce 22 single districts to three new unified districts and reduce the four supervisory union offices to three. As a result of this merger activity, the Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union closed.

Before working at ECSU, I was the principal at BFA Fairfax high school for six years. I started my education career in Vermont working at Colchester High School and was there for ten years in a variety of roles including Science Teacher, Science Team Leader, Director of Students Support Services and Assistant Principal of Student Management. I was also a Science, Math, and Health Teacher at the Newport Junior/Senior High School in Newport New Hampshire for three years. Other educational jobs I've held include working for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife as and Natural Resource and Camp Director for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp at Buck Lake and working for the Job Corps Center in Manhattan Kansas.

Director of Student Support Service Hiring

Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, is continuing to lead the search for the Director of Special Education. Four candidates were interviewed in early July however for a variety of reasons none of them ended up being viable for this position (two decided not to proceed with the process, one was not selected to move forward, and one was hired as the Acting Superintendent for the GISU). In the last week, we have received two more applications from candidates who appear to be strong on paper, and they were interviewed on July 30, 2018. I anticipate moving a candidate forward soon after reference checks are made and the screening committee meets this week to review the outcome of those checks.

Audit/Finance

As you know for a variety of reasons the FY 17 audit has been held up for the GISU and the member districts. Business Manager Rob Gess has been working hard to get the process completed while making sure the day to day work of the business office continues. Rob is preparing a document which I will bring to the local boards to explain what has happened and what we are doing to complete this process in as timely of a way as possible. Also Rob and I will be working together to make sure the FY 18 process is much more smooth. Rob and I have reviewed the FY 19 budgets. Because the FY 17 audits are not complete GISU is not able to secure a tradition Tax Anticipation Note. Rob is working on other solutions to avoid having a cash flow issue. Rob and I will update you soon regarding what course of action we think we need to take.



August 1st,

My dream on July 29th was about the first day of school was this: there was an olympic sized swimming pool that was an open septic system, not functioning well, outside of the gym. Our new superintendent, who looked much like Thor, was attempting to fix it with a chainsaw. I am going to chalk it up to watching too many Marvel movies this summer and not first day of school anxiety. I am really looking forward to getting back into the routine of teaching and learning. It will be here before we even snap our fingers.

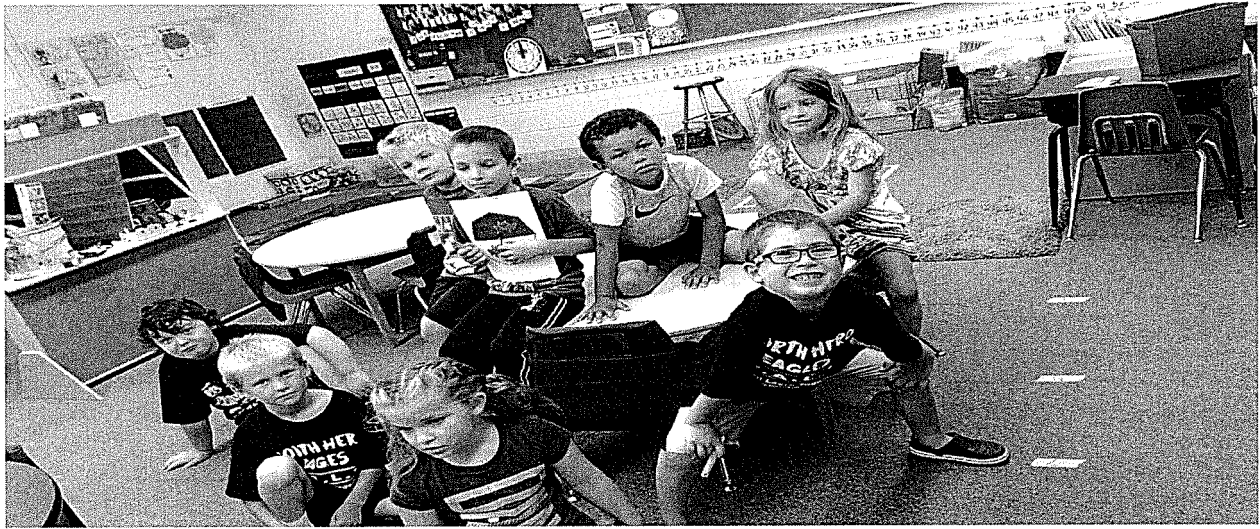
Some important dates to keep in mind:

Eagle Care's last day of summer camp	August 17th
Welcome Back Reception	6pm, August 28th
First Day of School (Full Day)	8:00am (bright and early) August 29th *Eagle Care begins after school
Community Trip to Whoville (hint, hint)	7pm, December 20th

More information about school's opening, registration, details on early events will be coming soon. If you are a new friend to the community and we do not have your mailing address please contact the office at 372-8866.

We had a strong turnout for our summer reading program. I would like to thank Mary Beth and Kacie for taking on the lead-teaching roles, as well as Carl and Rebecca for student support services during the three weeks we operated. The momentum from this July will allow the conversation to possibly increase the number of weeks we can offer this layer of support next year.

Our school building will be undergoing a bit of a transformation over the next few weeks. During the week of August 13th we will be installing a new gym floor. The material used will not only be an upgrade in how the space looks, but it will also be a safer space for kids to play and learn. We will also be upgrading some less visible items, as well. Some of what we are doing is upgrading the learning environment for aesthetic purposes. Most of what we will be doing has the primary function of safety and security.



We are very excited to have all of our classroom teachers returning to their posts this year. Having a team of teachers, all committed to the same vision, having built chemistry over a year's time, is excellent for the entire community. This is a teaching team to be proud of and we are looking forward to an excellent year. Over the next few weeks we will introduce you to some of the new teachers, who will be making a difference for our community this year.

2018-2019 school year:

Ms. Caryn--preschool educator (Going into year 6 at North Hero School)

Ms. Pelkey--kindergarten (Going into year 3 at North Hero School)

Mrs. Downing--first and second grades (Going into year 8 at North Hero School)

Mrs. Biggs--third and fourth grades (Going into year 2 at North Hero School)

Ms. Aubin--fifth and sixth grades (Going into year 7 at North Hero School)

We have a great mix of talent and experience. Considering the competition we face (and money, frankly) in retaining excellent teachers, we are pleased to have a staff dedicated to the principles that we strive for in student learning. This year we will be working harder than ever to create excellent opportunities to prepare your children and our community for their world beyond the nest.

Sleep well. Enjoy this first week of August.

Joe Resteghini (many, many years at North Hero School)
Principal