

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Grand Isle School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Thursday August 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Grand Isle School

Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Call to Order (Gary Marckres) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2. Adjust the Agenda | 6:31 p.m. |
| 3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard | 6:35 p.m. |
| 4. Consent Agenda (Action) | 6:40 p.m. |
| a. Approve the minutes from 7-30-2018 (Special Meeting) | |
| b. Approve new hire contracts (if needed) | |
| 5. Reports (<i>Discussion</i>) | 6:45 p.m. |
| a. Superintendent's | |
| 7th Grade Tuition Update, Audit Update, and Special Education Director | |
| b. Principal's | |
| Facilities Update, Hiring, Start of the Year | |
| c. Financial | |
| Review Budget to Actuals | |

Board Business.

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| 6. Approval of Bills for Payment (Gary Marckres) (Action) | 7:00 p.m. |
| 7. Short Term Funding (Michael Clark/Rob Gess) (Discussion/Possible Action) | 7:10 p.m. |
| 8. GISU.org email accounts for board member (Michael Clark)(Discussion) | 7:20 p.m. |
| 9. Tuition Update and Hearings (Michael Clark) (Action) | 7:30 p.m. |
| 10. Other | |

Closure

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| 11. Setting the next agenda (Discussion) | 8:30 p.m. |
| 12. Adjourn | 8:35 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.

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Special meeting
Special meeting Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Grand Isle School

Present:

Gary Marckres, Chair
Carol Miller
Don Bartlett (via telephone)
Nathan Robinson
Mike Talbot
Michael Clark, Acting Superintendent

Members of the Public:

Faye Straight	Nicole Gardiner
Kristen Prim	John and Liz Gavin
Susan More	Vince Cruz

Meeting Brought to Order/Roll Call: Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adjustment of Agenda: Employee grievance regarding health buyout. Mr. Clark is reviewing the grievance.

Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2018. Nathan Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on July 17, 2018. Roll Call: (5-0) Motion carried.

Members of the Public for Items Not on the Agenda. None

Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **Review tuition requests and determine the next steps for executing discounted tuition agreements.**

Colchester approved the reduced tuition agreement but as of July 30, 2018, there is no capacity.

South Burlington will accept seven students at the reduced tuition rate.

A parent voiced concerns about next year. Mr. Marckres stated that under Act 46 since we will be a K-6 school, receiving schools must accept students.

Results from polling families found seven chose South Burlington and two chose Colchester. Out of the two families requesting tuition to Colchester, one will not attend South Burlington and Mr. Clark is waiting to hear from the second family.

South Burlington has a board meeting on August 1. If South Burlington says no to accepting any additional students, all students will stay at Grand Isle School.

Eight families received the survey by certified mail, return receipt requested. No one responded.

Further discussion ensued.

Gary Marckres made a motion to move forward with individual hearings provided South Burlington could support the final capacity number.

Roll Call:

Mike Talbot, abstain

Nathan Robinson, Yay

Carol Mill, Nay

Don Bartlett, Yay

Gary Marckres, Yay

Motion carried (3-2)

Mike Talbot moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried (5-0)

Minutes Certification:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Leonard. Approved by the Board of Directors on:

Gary Marckres, Chair

Carol Miller

Don Bartlett

Mike Talbot

Nathan Robinson

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.