

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, August 10, 2015
At Grand Isle School

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary Marckres, Chair
Mike Talbot
Teri Geney
Don Bartlett
Carol Miller

Eric Arnzen, Principal
Barbara Burrington, Superintendent
Beth Hemingway, Student Support Services
Lynn Carpenter, Business Manager

Call Meeting to Order

Gary Marckres called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Adjustment of Agenda

None

Members of the Public – For Items Not on the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2015

Approved 4-0 with one abstention.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Changes in the Superintendent Board Report Format
Board Chairs
Administrative Retreat
ACT 46
Consolidated Federal Grant
Special Education Consolidation
Federal Fiscal Monitoring Update
Financial Management Questionnaire

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

K- 19 (Split) (Taylor, Terrien)
1st- 25 (Split) (Kolk, Whiting)
2nd- 15 (Poquette)
3rd- 13 (Dickie)
4th- 24 (Split) (Pearson, Lucas)
5th- 21 (O'Connor)

6th- 20
7th- 25 (Split)
8th- 17
Total- 179

Facilities Projects Update

ChipTec completed a full service on the wood chip burner. A perimeter drain outside the teacher's room is going to be installed in the coming week. Several classrooms have been repainted and carpeted. Mike Talbot will hopefully be starting gymnasium work on Monday. The den has been relocated to next to Mrs. Mayer's guidance office. Mr. Arnzen expressed his concern that the doors between classrooms did not lock and how that could be a safety hazard in the instance of a security breach. Teri Geney mentioned that she had done some research into playground safety surfacing and found some quotes. Eric Arnzen said that he would contact the principal of South Hero to see if they could split the load of surfacing.

4th Grade Teacher Recommendation

Katherine Lucas. Former Para educator with long-term substituting experience.

Teaching Assignments

Barb Carter is now a school-wide Title 1. Four new hires for this year. Teri Geney will write welcome article for the Islander.

Local In-Service

GISU wide in-service on the 21st and 24, with a local in-service on the 25th. Focus on relationships, feedback, and high expectations. Mr. Arnzen invited a school board member to come make opening remarks on the 25th, and Gary Marckres volunteered. He also discussed with Teri Geney about contacting the PTA about providing a luncheon for the staff.

General Information

Eric Arnzen talked to Mr. Gurnsey about soccer coaching for the fall. Jeff Dickie will be the coach for 7/8 Boys soccer. Tara Libby will be coaching Girls soccer. A coach is still needed for 5/6 Boys.

He discussed with the faculty and staff about the purpose of the yearly ice cream social the night before school starts. They decided to design a night that was more purposeful and meaningful; to forgo the ice cream social and instead improve the open house. Teri Geney mentioned that ice cream social is where many parents get the bus route information. It will be mailed out prior to start of school.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION

Novice Energy Proposal

Request to participate in the Alburg solar project, speaking of saving up to 15% in energy costs. It's a commitment of a year's worth of electric bills. The board decided to provide them with the copy of last year's electric costs and see where things went from there.

Budget to Actuals

Lynn Carpenter shared budget-to-actuals. A final view of FY15 won't be available for a month or two.

Letter From Milton School District

Milton is interested in collaborating as a result of the board's letters. Colchester is also interested in high school collaboration and tuition discussion, as well as collaboration in general. Milton, Colchester, and South Burlington have all responded. Gary Marckres is going to meet with the South Burlington chair to discuss the collaboration/designation/partnering. No steps can be taken until more is known about the results of the GISU Act 46 Study Committee. These discussions are just preliminary, no action will be taken.

Annex Update

Surveyor will be looking at dividing the property into building, lot, and baseball field. The Select Board is interested in the possibility of transferring the property to Grand Isle School by the end of the calendar year.

FY16 Maintenance Plan

Discussed in Facilities Projects Update

High School Enrollment Update

Budgeted for 78 students in public school, so far there are 77. Private was budgeted for 10, but has 9. Two students that moved in are attending Ethel Walker and Berkshire Academy. One family would request reimbursement from the board for tuition already paid.

Staff Organization Update

Covered in Teaching Assignments and Enrollment Report

Approval of Bills for Payment

Gary Marckres made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$38,041.11 for FY15. Approved 5-0.

Teri Geney made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$47,162.64 for FY16. Approved 5-0.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING

- Gary Marckres mentioned that they got a note from parents about seeking other education options for their children in the upcoming fourth grade class. Mr. Arnzen responded. No other correspondence was received from them.
- Teri Geney shared a request to use our library for the Act 46 study meeting, depending on availability when the date is chosen.
- Don Bartlett has received questions on the location of Board Minutes. Eric will ask Pam to post the Draft minutes when they are received from Kelli (within 5 days of meeting). If minutes are modified, Pam will replace draft with final version.

AGENDA BUILDING

Executive session needed for the next meeting.

Collaboration meeting with South Burlington

Act 46 study committee
Annex Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

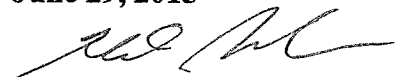
ADJOURN

Carol Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. Approved 5-0.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION:

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:

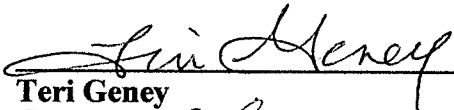
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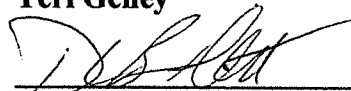
Gary Marckres, Chair



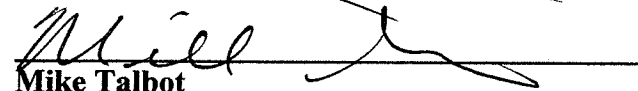
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