

Isle La Motte School Board Meeting
August 19, 2015

LK meeting called to order at 6pm

Attendance - Barbara Callahan (BC), Louise Koss (LK), Jen Rafferty (JR), Joyce Tuck (JT), Barbara Burrington (BB), Tom Tregan (TT), Billy Fish (BF), Chet Bromley (CB). Janet Soavi (JS)

Adjustment to the agenda - painting of multi-purpose room
Approval of minutes - BC, 2nd LK - all in favor

Library - JT wants to do a reading contest to honor Jeanine and have TT to meet with the library to figure the details.

Grants - donation for the school garden. There were 2 grants applied for, \$500 each for Prek and K-1 Elmer's glue grant and Joanne Fabrics grant. JS met with TT to talk about grants. There are a number of grants that cover a wide range of subjects and activities that she plans to apply for.

Superintendent's Report

Structure - Beth Hemingway will submit a report every month. Section that will go to board chair and the chair will bring that to our meeting.

Admin issues. Had a retreat. The five principals, swift group, worked on a plan to submit a multi-tier system of report. A blue print for everything school offers instruction. Working on a blueprint sent to the parents so the parents can see what the school offers.

Act 46 is the unification law. Attended a meeting in Montpelier. Mike Deweese to work with GISU. August 27th at 6pm at Grand Isle School. District wide committee with all 5 schools participating.

Special Education Consolidation. New law. All special educational staff will become part of the supervisory union budget. July 1, 2016. Must comply or it will be a .05 penalty to the tax payers. Will have to have an agreement for our special educators. LK says there may be a blueprint from several superintendents ago.

July 1, 2016 district received a waiver to not be compliant with prek. Plan needs to be submitted by then to educate 3 and 4 year olds.

May 4, 2015 a federal audit of the GISU. Triggered by late quarterly reports. May 5, 2015 all federal funds were frozen to the GISU. Several pages of corrective action. The central staff has spent 3 and a half weeks working on this. Accounts are semi-unfrozen with receipts. GISU policy manual must be rewritten. There are 29 policies. GISU will have one policy manual.

Grant for \$1000 to help pay for superintendent's academy from Vt School Board Trust. BB will attend 1 day a month for a year.

started at 8:01 pm

out at 8.21pm

LK motion to approve the hiring of Colleen Cobb as the special educator at .5. LK motion JR
2nd All in favor.

LK motioned that we approve course reimbursement up to the equivalent of 3 UVM credits, and
that the board will review the budget in the spring to determine if they can also reimburse up to
3 UVM credits in the spring. 2nd by BC. All in favor.

Adjourn by LK 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jen Rafferty

Barbara N. Callahan

~~BARBARA N. CALLAHAN~~

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise M. Kees". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Louise M. Kees