

**Grand Isle Supervisory Union**  
**CIUUSD Regular Meeting**  
School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
**Minutes**

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

**Admin Present:** Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Amanda Ellison, Lauren Thomas

**Public Present:** Sean Robinson, Sylvia Jensen

**Call to Order**

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - none
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve the minutes from 8/3/2021 - Brad Blanchette motions to approve, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Reports
  - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared the written report provided in the packet. He drew attention to the memo sent by the VSBA around liability coverage and that the coverage for communicable diseases has been dropped. There are conversations at VSBIT happening to fill gaps. The board asked about the surveillance testing. Michael Clark shared that GISU is a pilot, so North Hero and South Hero schools have been the only schools in the state to have regular testing at this point. He explained the process of the testing.
  - b. Principal
    - i. Start of school updates
      1. Amanda Ellison shared updates around hiring completions and school drop offs. She shared some of the bus driver shortage issues that have occurred prior to the start of school. Amanda also shared updates on the school roof and the payment.
      2. Lauren Thomas shared that it has been a great start of the school year, with about 15 new students. Parents have been communicative and open.
  - c. Financial - Rob Gess shared the financial summary provided in the packet. This allows for a high-level snapshot of revenues and expenses. Rob gave updates on the progress of the audit. Rob gave updates on the FY23 budget process.

**Board Business.**

6. Approval of bills for payment - Chet Bromley motions to approve payment of \$104,584.66 and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Nathan Robinson motions to approve payment of \$2,758.33 and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Michael Inners motions to approve payment to contractor Dan Turnbough in the amount of \$15,000 for North Hero roof work and authorize himself to sign on behalf of the board, all in favor, motion passes.
7. Library Donation formal acceptance - Amanda Ellison reviewed the process of updating the school library and the donation that has been received. Brad Blanchette motions to accept the donation and have Michael Inners sign the agreement on behalf of the board, Nathan Robinson seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Grand Isle heating system update - Michael Clark shared that Matt Brouillette shared that he did not have any big updates to share yet. There was a highlight of incentives associated with the pellet boiler and is waiting for quotes. Matt is also working on grants to help cover the costs. Work continues and when bids are received, they will be passed onto the board and it may require a special meeting.

9. COVID 19 Recommendations and Decisions - Michael Inners shared information provided in the packet. Michael Clark outlined the duty of care under Title 16. The agency of ed put out a memo regarding formal adoption of a policy. Michael reviewed that last year's policy that referenced the state of emergency and so a drafted policy has been presented that removed this language. Discussion took place around processes and policies and the pros and cons of delegating authority. Brad Blanchette made the motion: To ensure that all stakeholders are aware of how decisions will be made in response to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board resolves to continue to empower the Superintendent to be responsible for the health and safety of students and staff. To that end, the Superintendent is authorized by the Board to make decisions on behalf of the District, informed by and in accordance with state and federal guidance and mandates, on all measures and protocols necessary to keep students and staff safe while maintaining an effective learning environment. Further, the Superintendent is encouraged to collaborate with regional school districts on establishing consistent measures across the region while keeping the CIUUSD's best interest in mind. The Superintendent will continue to keep the Board informed on these matters. Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Brad Blanchette motions to make this a first read of the designation policy, all in favor, motion passes.

10. North Hero Town Office Update - Michael Inners indicated there is forward movement and updated around what the town of North Hero is planning around the building. Amanda Ellison inquired about date to plan for the library and space needs for the school. Michael Inners indicated there is not a timeline at this time.

11. Community Kitchen in Isle La Motte - Sylvia Jensen discussed the process she has taken to explore the option of using the kitchen in Isle La Motte. The stakeholders are interested in having a tour of the kitchen prior to moving forward further. Sylvia requested to have a tour on September 20 around noon. Michael Clark indicated he has blocked time off on his calendar if the board is interested. Michael Inners highlighted the district is looking to ensure there is a separate entity overseeing management of the program and not the CIUUSD. Nathan Robinson motions authorizes walk through of the kitchen, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

12. Apportion letters - Michael Inners reviewed the historical use of apportion letters for North Hero and Isle La Motte. Due to COVID there is no community use at this time. The board discussed reverting to the building use process instead. The board did not vocalize needing to have this completed.

13. Behavioral Interventionist Job description - Michael Inners indicated that the current job description requires a bachelor's degree. Discussion took place regarding changing the job description bachelor's degree preferred rather than required. Nathan Robinson motions to approve the change to "degree preferred in the BI job description". The board discussed the impacts of changing the job description. All in favor, motion passes

14. Finalize Retreat - Michael Inners indicated Saturday, September 25 would be the date. This will be held at the Grand Isle School with an option to remote video in. The board discussed the schedule.

15. F1 - Travel Reimbursement [update] - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading.

16. F23 - Capitalization of Assets [update] - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading.

17. A23 - Community Engagement & Vision - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading.

18. C21 - Search & Seizure of Students by School Personnel - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading. Nathan Robinson asked about return of property to caregiver. Michael Inners indicated this was something to be defined in procedure.

19. C27 - Student Self Expression & Distribution of Literature - Michael Inners indicated this is a first reading.

20. Other

### **Closure**

21. Setting the next agenda - North Hero town office, Isle La Motte kitchen, policy work continued. Anticipate a special meeting for the Grand Isle boiler. The special meeting on the 25 that is the board retreat. The audit should also be added. There was a request for monitoring and update on the buses within the principal's report or as an agenda item depending on how it's going. .

22. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson motioned to adjourn, Chet Bromley second, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:25 p.m.