

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Minutes

Board Present: Gary Marckres, Michael Inners, Nathan Robinson

Admin. Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess

Public Present: Chet Bromley, Erin Oliver, Sylvia Jensen, Barbara Callahan

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Gary Marckres called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Gary Mackres would like to move an open session item to item #4 to have board candidates share information about themselves then add an executive session after the comments. Afterwards, board will come out of executive session and appoint a member if necessary, then continue the agenda.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - Erin Oliver is here as the 5th girls' soccer coach. She would like to invite all 5&6 graders to the soccer team. She is looking for a possible way to connect all the schools to bring students to the Grand Isle School for practices and to join the sports season. Equity and co-curricular offerings is the intent of unifying the schools. Gary Marckres is asking the Superintendent to work with the principals to get this up and going. Michael Clark said the principals have started this conversation. Erin Oliver shared that the main issue is the transportation aspect. Michael Clark shared that they have applied for a grant for funding transportation.
4. Board member vacancy - Open session for board applicants - Gary Marckres asked for Chet Bromley and Sylvia Jensen to come forward for their chances to speak about their interest in being a member of the board and experiences.
 - Sylvia Jensen shared that she is interested because she was the chair of the board during the process of debating the redesign of the Isle La Motte school. This was a difficult task and it highlighted the necessity of having a school in each community. She brings experience of serving on the National, Regional, and State committees. She feels it is important to ensure all citizens are heard.
 - Chet Bromley shared his experience as a school board member off and on for over thirty years. He has an interest in preserving the quality of the education that the students receive.
 - Nathan Robinson motions to enter executive session, Michael Inners seconds. All in favor, board enters session at 7:00 p.m. and invites Superintendent to join session.
 - Board exits executive session at 7:17 p.m.
 - Nathan Robinson motions to appoint Chet Bromley as the interim board member, Michael Inners seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 8/13/2019 - no comments, consent agenda is approved.
 - b. Approve updated teacher contract- Caryn Zambrano - contract increased from a .5 to a .6 FTE - no comments, consent agenda is approved.
 - c. New Maintenance Hire- Jeff Clark - Michael Clark shared info about Jeff.
6. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared that it has been a busy month. The central office has moved. Some of the ceiling tiles still need to be put up and folks are appreciative of the new

space. As of Monday, there is a letter from Sullivan & Powers that financials for South Hero and Alburgh are on the partner's desk. By the end of the week, they expect the rest should be on the partner's desk and we should be able to start scheduling audits.

- b. Financial - Rob Gess shared financials that are in the packet. Some of the encumbrances are not reporting correct and the team is working on verifying inputting in the system is accurate. There is a delay in invoices from some of the campuses. Rob Gess needs to schedule a meeting for the CIUUSD principals so that processing can be streamlined. Getting ready for free & reduced meal applications starting October 1st. Team has started gathering the info necessary for the FY19 audit. There is a meeting scheduled to cover timelines and expectations with Rick from Sullivan & Powers.
- c. Principal's - Provided in packet. Michael Inners said it would be helpful to have boards added to email list for any school newsletters.

Board Business.

7. Approve Subgrant Agreement for FY20 - Rob Gess shared the information on the subgrant agreement. Michael Inners motions to authorize Gary Marckres to sign the subgrant agreement, Gary Marckres second. Gary Marckres would like to amend the motion to include that the board is approving the subgrant agreement and authorize Gary Marckres to sign. All in favor, motion passes.

8. Approval of bills - \$63,563.45 Michael Inners moves to approve, Gary Marckres second. All in favor, motion passes.

9. Beginning of the year update - Michael Clark shared that the beginning of the year has been fantastic. Had a different structure to get things started. Started with Institute Week prior to school starting. Used Title grants to fund this. The following week was new educator orientation. This year there is more local time for inservice, and there was only one district-wide inservice prior to school starting. Professional learning communities were introduced at this time. This initiative is supported on a weekly basis at the school level. Michael Clark shared that he has been able to visit every classroom the past two weeks and sees great things happening this year.

10. Open House Schedule - Michael Clark shared that each principal shared their schedule in their reports. Tonight was the Grand Islecampus open house, Wednesday is Isle La Motte, and Thursday is North Hero.

11. Building Use Policy - Gary Marckres motions to approve policy H3: Community Use of Facilities as written, Nathan Robinson second. All in favor, motion passes.

12. Bourne's Energy Contracts - Michael Clark shared the contract for all three schools would total approximately \$3,900. This is under the \$5,000 limit done at local levels in the past. Gary Marckres thinks board should continue with following VT law for bidding. Anything over \$15,000 should be competitively bid. Anything under \$5000 should be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Anything between \$5,000-15,000 should be on the consent agenda and have a letter of explanation. Board members agree that this is a good practice.

13. Other - Chet asked about moving the meeting date. Michael Clark will look into this and see how this may work.

Closure

14. Setting the next agenda - Principals will discuss October inservice plan, school goals, after school programming, Audits with Auditor here to review audit (30 minutes), tax anticipation note approval, and the usuals, update on food service committee

15. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson moves to adjourn, Michael Inners second, all in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:10 p.m.