

**Grand Isle Supervisory Union**  
**CIUUSD Regular Meeting**  
School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021  
**Minutes**

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

**Admin Present:** Michael Clark, Rob Gess

**Public & Staff Present:** Matt Brouillette, Sylvia Jensen

**Call to Order**

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - none
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve the minutes from 9/7/2021 & 9/25/2021 - Chet Bromley motioned to approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Reports
  - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared the written report from the packet. He highlighted the approach of the commitment to safety rather than a mandate for vaccination and testing. Michael also shared information about liability coverage updates that has dropped communicable disease coverage. Michael also shared updates about testing and potential for COVID in schools. The board discussed the resources of time for administering tests and false positives.
  - b. Principal - The board reviewed the principal's written report provided in the packet. No questions were asked.
    - i. Busing update
  - c. Financial - Rob Gess shared updates from the budget to actuals and written financial report provided in the packet.
    - i. Budget timeline - Rob Gess shared that he has engaged the principals to review their goals for 2023. Looking to compress the timeline and attempting to make progress on having a draft for the November meeting. Rob outlined the projections that will be used for the budget draft. Anticipate having to complete two budgets accounting for implementation of Act 173.

**Board Business.**

6. Approval of bills for payment - Chet Bromley motions to approve the bill in the amount of \$171,963.29 and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
7. Audit - Rob Gess updated the board on the progress of the audit. There have been delays due to the turnover in payroll and the issues found in the processing that was completed. This has required resources to be reallocated to internal auditing and reprocessing of payroll.
8. Grand Isle boiler update - Matt Brouillette updated the board on the bids for the pellet system and the potential system set up. Matt also shared grants he is working on to assist in offsetting costs. Matt updated the board regarding the boiler inspections that occurred and the status of both boilers in the Grand Isle School. The board discussed lead times for purchase and installation. Brad Blanchette motioned to go forward with the Sunmass bio bid presented, Chet Bromley seconds, discussion took

place regarding the various bids and pros and cons of each. All in favor, motion passes. Discussion took place around funding of the project outside of the grants. Michael Inners motions to authorize Rob Gess to pursue and secure a short term loan of three years or less, any reimbursements to be paid directly to the loan, all in favor, motion passes. The board and Michael Clark expressed appreciation to Matt for his work on this project.

9. Isle La Motte kitchen update - Sylvia Jensen shared that herself and other stakeholders toured the kitchen on September 27. All stakeholders agreed that the kitchen was a nice space, but it required some updated equipment. Healthy Roots is willing to compile data to see what the next steps might be in exploration of the opportunity of using the space. Michael Clark brought up that there is not regularly in the Isle La Motte building. Discussion took place around the town's use of the building and regularity of occupying the building and if the town should possibly work with the group at some point in the future of the project.

10. Negotiating committee - Michael Inners indicated that the teacher contract ends at the end of the school year. The Union has requested initiation of a new contract. There are two spots available on the committee. Michael Clark reviewed the process from the last round of negotiations. Brad Blanchette nominates Michael Inners and Nathan Robinson, Chet Bromley seconds, all in favor, motion passes. The board tabled the nominations for support staff negotiations committee.

11. Board Retreat Summary and Goals - Michael Inners reviewed the events of the board retreat and the goals set. Goals included: ensure methods in place to determine effectiveness of programs and improve on them, show progress in reading proficiency, track performance of graduates, complete expansion of library improvements at North Hero, ensure curriculum cohesion within GISU, explore GISU alternatives for transportation, explore alternatives for Isle La Motte campus, board professional development after next round of elections, create accountability in goals in the future.

12. F1 - Travel Reimbursement [update]

13. F23 - Capitalization of Assets [update]

14. A23 - Community Engagement & Vision

15. C21 - Search & Seizure of Students by School Personnel

16. C27 - Student Self Expression & Distribution of Literature

Chet Bromley motions to approve F1, F23, A23, C21 and C27, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

17. Other - none

## **Closure**

18. Setting the next agenda - Budget rough draft, boiler project updates, policy review continued, audit updates

19. Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes, meeting adjourns at 8:24 p.m.