

**GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Meeting Monday, October 12, 2015**  
**At Grand Isle School**

**Board Members in attendance:**

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

Eric Arnzen, *Principal*  
Barbara Burrington, *Superintendent*  
Lynn Carpenter  
Beth Hemingway

Rob Reardon, *Essex High School Principal*

**Call Meeting to Order**

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**Adjustment of Agenda**

Review Fall Newsletter before Approval of Bills

**Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2015**

Carol Miller moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015. Approved 4-0.

**Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda**

None

**Essex High School Presentation—Rob Reardon**

Rob Reardon is answering the request for information from the board that was sent out roughly two months ago. He provided the Essex High School program of studies in order to show what opportunities were available for students. Essex High School also has two additional pathways: the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts and the STEM Academy. They also have career coach who makes connections for students who want internship opportunities. EHS also has a technical center onsite. The school is very focused on creating continuity on the path from kindergarten to graduation, and making sure parents can stay involved every step of the way. Mr. Reardon invited the board to come visit the campus.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Board Chairs**

**Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction**

**ACT 46**

**Special Education**

**Updated GISU Student High School Enrollment**

**Business Office**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Information and Updates**

Flu Shots will be offered October 30<sup>th</sup> in Alburgh.

Beginning this past summer Mrs. Teirian and Mrs. Pearson have been focused on science education with a focus on STEM. Students are currently learning about science in their own backyard. The year-round study will involve creating a garden using their STEM skills.

In the leadership team meeting, the plan moving forward it to track each grade level's progress over time and talk about variables involved and interventions to these variables. Also at this meeting, family and community partnerships were discussed. This is directly related to the school's vision. In an attempt to meet that end, the leadership team would like to have a joint meeting with the PTA on November 5. The goal would be to talk about engaging families to a greater extent.

An all school assembly is coming up on Wednesday. This is a PBIS pep rally. The eighth grade students will be performing a musical number. The school will be publically acknowledging students who have done a good job of upholding honest, safe, and kind values. A video will also be shown of field day 2015.

Four members of the leadership team will attend the SWIFT presentation geared around formative assessments.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

### **FY 16 Budget to Actuals**

Lynn Carpenter presented FY16 Budget to Actuals. She said that she would get back to the board on a couple discrepancies. Eric Arnzen requested to meet with her later to dissect a few details. Cash flow is tight, and she will contact the Town Office to see how soon tax revenue will be available. The auditors are coming on Friday and a year-end FY2015 should be available after that. The draft budget for next year will be presented at the first December meeting.

### **Current PreK Enrollment—Beth Hemingway**

Beth Hemingway handed out data to the board on PreK enrollment. She reported that the budget is short by \$4,350. After some discussion, it appeared she may have incorrect budget numbers. She will look into the numbers again and get back to the board with updated information asap.

### **High School Enrollment Update—Beth Hemingway**

Beth Hemingway handed out data to the board on High School enrollment. Teri Geney requested that future high school enrollment reports also be broken down by grade.

### **PreK Application From AOE Regarding Regions—Beth Hemingway**

As this is not an issue for our district, the Board doesn't plan to apply for this.

### **Drainage Update**

The community member that Teri Geney contacted seems willing to assist.

### **After School Program Proposal/Memorandum of Understanding**

Julie Elkins forwarded her proposal out to board members. Eric Arnzen said that they need to think about how funds can be released properly based on educational support. Board members were concerned about the difference between subsidizing and purchasing a service. A more detailed academically-centered plan is needed. No action was taken.

### **Act 46 Study Committee Update**

The next meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Newsletter**

Teri Geney shared the draft newsletter updating the community about the board's recent discussions and actions. Board members were asked to submit suggestions by week's end. She will then edit it and send it out via constant contact.

**Approval of Bills for Payment**

One bill was questioned. Eric Arnzen will follow up on this. Don Bartlett made a motion to approve the remaining bills in the amount of \$43,834.34. Approved 5-0.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING**

None

**AGENDA BUILDING**

ACT 46 Committee Update  
Tax Anticipation Note Discussion  
SBAC Results

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Teri Geney made a motion to move into executive session at 9:31pm. Approved 5-0.  
Gary Marckres made a motion to conclude the executive session at 9:35pm. Approved 5-0.

**ADJOURN**

Don Bartlett made a motion to adjourn at 9:36pm. Approved 5-0.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION:**

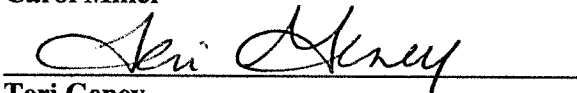
**Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:  
October 26, 2015**



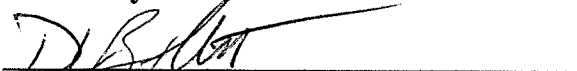
**Gary Marckres, Chair**



**Carol Miller**



**Teri Geney**



**Don Bartlett**



**Mike Talbot**