

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Tim Maxham, Bentley Vaughan, Brad Blanchette, Chet Bromley, Whitney Maxham, Trevor Creller

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Megan Grube, Nick DeVita

Public Present: Bob Chutter,

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - none
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 9/23/2021 - Chet Bromley motions to approve, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Reports

5. Financial Report - Rob Gess shared the financial summer report provided in the packet. Rob also shared upcoming due dates for grant reporting. The payroll position is still open with some candidate interviews scheduled. E-finance Plus migration has been paused by the AOE as the product is not ready at this time. The AOE is looking to discuss with the legislature in January.

Budget Timeline - Rob shared that there was an initial budget draft sent today to the board and have scheduled to meet with each principal and a template for the individual district budgets. In December will receive CLA and equalized pupil counts from the state to hopefully have communication and budgets in January for individual towns. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed the GISU budget to actuals dated October 20, 2021, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared his written report from the packet. Michael highlighted information on various COVID testing available. Resource deficiencies were highlighted around the test to stay program. Michael is doing further research into test to stay options. Resources are being put into standing up a vaccination clinic.

Please see the written Curriculum, Student Services, and Technology Reports
Megan and Nick were available for questions.

Board Business.

6. Curriculum Presentation & Opportunity BluePrint - Megan Grube presented her [presentation](#). Megan shared highlights of the primary responsibilities of the Director of Curriculum position, curriculum maps from the professional learning cohorts (PLCs), and universal design for learning. Megan also shared information on the Opportunity Blueprint - this is what the GISU has titled the Recovery Plan.
7. Designation of Surplus funds - Michael Clark reviewed the surplus funds and assessments conversations that occurred at the meetings in July and August. Michael reviewed the report provided in the packet. This included historical information on food service reimbursement processing and carry forward funds based on completed audits. Michael and team are recommending at this time to use carry forward funds to the Alburgh and CIUUSD food service deficits. The team also recommended that some of the carry forward funds be placed aside to pay the management decision letter/disallowed costs.

Discussion took place about the carry forward balance and future plans to setting an allowed carry forward balance given that an SU cannot borrow funds.

Bentley Vaughan moves to use \$175,147 and \$38,401 of the GISU undesignated carry forward to pay the CIUUSD and Alburgh food service deficits to bring them to a \$0 balance, Trevor Creller seconds. All in favor, motion passes 5-0, with an abstention based on tech issues from Chet Bromley.

8. Food Service Assessment - Rob Gess shared that right now there is a flat rate of reimbursement per claim in FY21 and FY22. Bentley Vaughan motions to allocate food reimbursement based on total amount of claims for breakfast and lunch for FY21 and FY22, Tim Maxham seconds. All in favor, motion passes 5-0, with an abstention based on tech issues from Chet Bromley.

9. Draft of 2022-2023 Budget Template and Timeline - Michael Clark shared that there is not a lot of "new" in the budget. This represents a 5.2% increase over the FY22 budget. This is mostly due to - 2.6% - is based on the purchase of a new financial management platform. The current platform is outdated and has not been updated, we have put off updating due to the state system, but the state has paused the implementation of the state system. Rob Gess that he is proposing upgrading the current accounting system to Infinite Visions, this is in the same family of the current platform and the majority of the state that has not switched to the state platform is on this system. The other 2.6% of the increase is due to cost of living increase (such as health insurance). The special ed budget is increased by 8.9% - reflecting the healthcare costs and a higher excess tuition costs. Nick and Morgan have been able to capture the excess costs and so have also captured the reimbursements that go with those costs. Discussion took place around budgeting including questions about the new accounting system. The board discussed reviewing the budget more closely and coming back to further discussion at the next meeting.

10 - 13. Bentley Vaughan motions to approve:

- A23 - Community Engagement & Vision
- C21 - Search & Seizure of Students by School Personnel
- C27 - Student Self Expression & Distribution of Literature
- F20 - Fiscal Management & General Financial Accountability

Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0, with an abstention based on tech issues from Chet Bromley.

14. November & December meeting schedule - The board discussed moving the November meeting to Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and cancelling the meeting in December. Tim Maxham motions to schedule a special meeting for November meeting for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0, with an abstention based on tech issues from Chet Bromley.

15. Other - none

Closure

16. Setting the next agenda - Budget, no policies, surplus funds review, December meeting schedule

17. Adjourn - Bentley Vaughan motions to adjourn, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 8:30 p.m.