

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Grand Isle School District
School Board Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Minutes

Board Present: Gary Marckres, Don Bartlett, Michael Inners

Administration Present: Michael Clark, Robert Gess

Community Present: Tracy Pearson, Tim Maxham

1. Call to Order – Gary Marckres call to order at 8:04 pm
2. Adjust the Agenda – add correspondence, consider resolution to change regular meeting time, talk about SU board make up between items 4 and 5
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 10/09/2018, adjust agenda to include Tracy Pearson present as a staff member. Don Bartlett moves to approve, Michael Inners second, all in favor to approve agenda.

Adjustments:

Add Changing the regular Grand Isle meeting time.

Add SU Board Configuration vote

Grand Isle Meeting Time:

Gary Marckres motions to adjust the regularly scheduled meeting from the second Thursday to the second Tuesday of the month. Michael Inners second, 3-0 in favor.

SU Board make-up:

Gary motions to remove Gary as a Grand Isle Board member and add Michael Inners in place. Don Bartlett second, Michael Inners abstain.

Correspondence:

Michael Clark shared correspondence from Kimberly Cohen. Michael Clark read email from Kimberly. Meeting time adjusted in previous motion and will be updated on website. Gary Marckres voiced understanding of concern voiced by Kimberly. Gary asks Lauren if she feels they have been proactive and successful in transition. Lauren Thomas says they have been proactive and there have been pop-ups and they have dealt with accordingly. Lauren feels they are providing their best middle school years. Looking for an Island send off since they will not have Grand Isle graduation experience. Gary has been checking in with Lauren on a regular basis to make sure transition is going smoothly. Tracy Pearson voiced that she has not had a lot of experience of the transition in the middle school but has heard parents express concern for middle school experience, but unsure what can be done. Tracy agrees that a send-off would benefit the students.

Second correspondence from Charles Farrell. Charles is a teacher in the middle school, petitioning to consider a buyout. Charles is part of the Association and Michael Clark suggests not having Union negotiate buyout to not be in violation of master contract. Discussion of potential for incentivized retirement at next meeting. Michael will inform Charles and Association that it will be a conversation for next meeting.

Third correspondence from Jeremy and Mary Hill. Hills are looking for tuition for their child to decrease number of transitions. Gary will recuse himself from any discussion from this correspondence. Michael Inners asked for terms of tuition for those who were already tuitioned. South Burlington lowered rate for Grand Isle Students at \$4,000 for this school year. Only South Burlington were offered lowered tuition. For students who chose to go elsewhere, family is paying full tuition. There were seven spots made available in South Burlington due to applications received from Grand Isle. Concerned about legality of partial tuition payment to a public school. Michael Clark will do some research and answer questions of can we do it and should Don Bartlett recuse himself from discussion as well and answer at next meeting.

5. Reports

a. Principal's – Lauren Thomas shared her principal's report with the board. Lauren has been getting a lot of staff input and celebrations. Using professional development attended by staff to integrating it within the school to better student education. Student groups helping students to come out of their shells more and interact with their local and global communities.

b. Financial – Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals in packet. Central office is auditing high school tuition invoices received. The Finance team will fully encumber payroll and benefits in December.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment –

- a. Gary moves to approve batch 4615 for \$438.00. Michael Inner second, all in favor.
- b. Gary motion to approve batch 4613 for \$81,916.18, removing FY18 Simon operating system from payable. Michael Inners second, all in favor.

7. Transition Update – Classes that will transition next year looking to shadow at the school they are interested in and information. Tonight, November 13, was the middle school fair to help students and their families make decisions during this transition.

8. Audit Update – Rob Gess reminded board that it was a different staff in FY17. Many findings were identified in FY16 as well. Most findings have been fixed already. Kicked up financial acumen in central office and have been able to complete many projects necessary going into FY18 audit when auditors come on December 3, 2018. No evidence of fraud going on in any of the districts. Process, policies, and procedures are falling into place now. Gary Marckres troubled by findings and lack of controls. Gary acknowledges that central office is headed in the right direction.

9. Other - none

Closure

9. Setting the next agenda – Follow up on correspondence from this meeting, reconcile the Grand Isle portion of tuition for this year (accurate info for FY19 budget),

10. Adjourn – Don Bartlett moved to adjourn, Michael Inners seconded, all in favor, adjourned at 9:05 pm.