

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Meeting Wednesday, November 29, 2017
At North Hero School

GISU Board Members Present:

Andy Julow, CIUUSD Rep., GISU Chair
Mason Maltais, North Hero
Dave Davis, North Hero
Mallory Ovitt, Alburgh
Mike Savage, Alburgh
Ginni Wright, Alburgh
Louise Koss, Isle La Motte
Jane Zera, Isle La Motte
Keri Johnson, Isle La Motte
Don Bartlett, Grand Isle
Nathan Robinson, Grand Isle (a. 6:35 p.m.)
Bentley Vaughan, South Hero
Melanie Henderson, South Hero
David Cain, South Hero

Other Board Members Present:

Bridget Timms, North Hero
Tim Maxham, South Hero
Trevor Creller, Alburgh
Gary Marckres, Grand Isle (a. 6:40 p.m.)

Administration Present:

Donald Van Nostrand, Superintendent
Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support Services
Robert Gess, Business Manager
Dave Brisson, IT/Network
Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology (a. 6:44 p.m.)

Members of the Public:

Jim Jones, LCATV
Patty Lavigne, The Islander

Meeting called to order by Andy Julow at 6:31 p.m.

Adjust the Agenda: Louise Koss asked that the GISU board present ratify all votes from the last meeting. Andy Julow stated it would be discussed at the next meeting, after a response has been received from the district's lawyer. No further adjustments were made.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Consent Agenda: Minutes were accepted as read

At this time in the meeting, Louise Koss gave her resignation from the GISU Board and Isle La Motte Board.

Business of the Board:

Teacher Request for Three Additional Graduate Credits: Don Van Nostrand read the letter/request from Bethany True, Special Educator, working at Alburgh Community Education Center. She is requesting an additional 3 credits towards her Master's degree. Section 10.5 of the Master Agreement was cited. Discussion took place. Beth Hemingway spoke on her behalf, but with the understanding the agreement takes priority. Nathan Robinson moved to grant the additional credits to Bethany True. Second by Dave Davis. All in favor.

Relocating GISU Office & GISU Curriculum Office to Grand Isle School: Andy Julow provided a map of the Grand Isle School space to be utilized. Discussion took place regarding potential savings. Andy Julow provided a handout outlining current expenses compared to future expenses at the Grand Isle School. Andy Julow provided a copy of the lease that would be used for GISU and CIUUSD. Further discussion took place. Mason Maltais made a motion to approve moving the Grand Isle Supervisory Union offices to Grand Isle School, as approved by the CIUUSD. Second by Nathan Robinson. Further discussion took place. It was noted that board members should have more time to review the materials that were provided. It was asked if there were any other options other than Grand Isle School. Mason Maltais was asked if he would withdraw his motion. He opted not to. All in favor of moving the GISU central offices to Grand Isle School: Nathan Robinson, Andy Julow, Bridget Brisson, Mason Maltais, Dave Davis, Don Bartlett, Gary Marckres and Melanie Henderson. Those opposed: David Cain, Bentley Vaughan, Mallory Ovitt, Keri Johnson, Jane Zera, Mike Savage and Ginni Wright. Motion passes. After a short discussion, it is noted that Bridget Brisson cannot vote as a GISU member. For this reason, the motion is tied, and fails.

Policy Governance Model: Don Van Nostrand provided a handout to the board members regarding policy governance. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

GISU IT Status Report: Dave Brisson gave a presentation regarding the "GISU State of the Network". Topics discussed included consistency, efficiency, security and redundancy. Dave spoke about IT Asset Inventory, Link Balancer, Web Filter, SPAM Filter, Active Directory, Antivirus, Aero Hive Wi-Fi Network and Other Issues.

Review GISU FY18 Financials: Rob Gess provided the board with an FY18 Budget to Actuals. There are some unanticipated expenditures that are over budget such as purchased professional services, auditor fees and special education expenses.

Budget Work Session: Rob Gess gave the board a handout for the FY19 proposed budget. Rob spoke about the significant increases which include special education, employee benefits (HRA's are in the budget at 100%), auditor assessment (at the correct amount for next year), technology and transportation (according to multi-year contract in place). Rob advised they tried their best to level fund where they could. Board members present will bring this budget to their individual boards.

Approve Additional Auditor Assessments to Schools: Rob Gess advised the correct amount for auditor fees is in the FY19 budget. However, the total auditor fees for FY18 were not budgeted for.

Review Policy Code D9 – Resignations: Tabled until a future meeting.

Superintendent's Contract: Andy Julow asked the board if they would like to offer a contract to our current Superintendent for one year, or open a search? What is the process the board wants to take? Discussion took place. No details regarding the contract were discussed. Gary Marckres made a motion to extend the Superintendent contract for one year. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor.

Executive Session: Mason Maltais made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Master Contractual Agreement. Second by Dave Davis. Board entered into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. Board came out of Executive Session and meeting resumed at 9:06 p.m. with no action taken.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at North Hero School.

Motion by Dave Davis to adjourn. Second by Gary Marckres. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.