

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Chet Bromley, Brad Blanchette, Nathan Robinson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Lauren Thomas, Amanda Ellison

Public Present: Fred Duplesis (Sullivan & Powers), 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 - Sylvia Jensen shared that they are moving forward in investigation of the Isle La Motte kitchen.
 - a. Support Staff Negotiation Letter - Michael Inners shared the letter from the packet.
3. Adjust the agenda - Michael Inners indicated that the auditor can be moved to prior to the reports and moving the budget up to after reports.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 11/2/2021 - Chet Bromley motions to approve, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Audit - Fred Duplesis reviewed the CIUUSD financial audit for fiscal year 2020. The board and Michael Clark thanked the business office and Fred and team for their work on the audit.
6. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael shared his written report from the packet and shared that Cassandra Ryan at the AOE - Director of Risk and Compliance and the team that the GISU is still in the high risk category, but will be treating the SU much like a regular SU and only be requiring a sample of documentation instead of all documentation. This is great news to assist in the deferred revenue line. Michael also commended Lauren Thomas for her work on the vaccination clinic and adding students who were able to take advantage of "no show" appointments. The board asked about how the GISU ended up in the high risk category. Michael explained about the "points system" that was explained to him and will research what the points are.
 - b. Principal - Amanda Ellison shared the updates from the report provided in the written report, highlighting the upcoming events and efforts to keep school healthy and remain as in-person learning. Michael Clark highlighted the costs of the controls on the boiler system that was excluded from the initial quote.
 - c. Financial - Rob Gess reviewed the budget to actuals provided in the packet. He is not concerned in spending in year to date. Have gotten a detailed list of equipment for the pellet boiler to get the applications completed.

Board Business.

7. PBIS Recognition from Secretary French - Michael Clark reviewed the letter of recognition of the Grand Isle PBiS program. Lauren Thomas explained the PBiS program and what the Grand Isle School has done. The board and Michael Clark congratulated Lauren on her work and thanked her.
8. FY23 Budget - rough draft review - Rob Gess shared that the GISU budget has been approved. He has met with Lauren and Amanda to review the opportunities to be invested in. The budget reflects a 3% increase. Rob reviewed the timeline he anticipates having the CLA and equalized pupil count. Discussion took place around the opportunities within the budget and other aspects affecting the budget lines including the health care arbitration award. Michael Clark outlined the timeline. The board discussed various budget lines. The board discussed reviewing again at the January meeting and setting a special meeting at that time if necessary.
9. Approval of bills for payment - Chet Bromley motions to approve the warrant of \$616,269.51 and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the board, all in favor, motion passes.
10. General Buyout Response - Michael Inners reviewed the letter of request for a retirement incentive. Discussion took place about the history of the offering of a retirement incentive and the pros and cons of providing this benefit at

this time. Discussion around parameters were discussed. Nathan Robinson motioned to offer \$1000/year for years of service in the district and forming districts, employee must notify the board by January 1, 2022, and must retire by July 1, 2022. And payment will be made when they submit their intent to retire paperwork from the retirement office.

11. SU Buildings and Grounds Manager - Michael Clark shared information about the topic brought up at the GISU board meeting. The idea consists of having a GISU building and ground oversight at the GISU level for all GISU member district buildings based on the new reporting requirements from the state. Discussion took place around the implications of the addition of this position. The board supported the concept and understands the need to have this position and discussion took place of building the capacity at the local level as a backup plan.

12. F22 - Electronic Communications Use and Retention

13. D20 - Curriculum Development & Coordination

14. B22 - Public Complaints about Personnel & Instructional Material

15. A20 - Board meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution

16. C28 - Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students

Michael Inners motions to adopt policies F22, D20, B22, A20, C28, all in favor, motion passes.

17. Support Staff Negotiations Team Appointment - Michael Inners and Nathan Robinson are willing. Chet Bromley motions to appoint Michael Inners and Chet Bromley to the support staff negotiating team, all in favor, motion passes.

18. Negotiations updates - Michael Inners outlined that the GISU negotiating team has met and compiled potential ground rules and have planned to schedule a meeting in January to review the ground rules with the Association negotiating team.

19. Other - Chet Bromley announced his retirement from the board at the end of his term.

Closure

20. Setting the next agenda - consider possible action on budget and warning, retirement incentive report, negotiations for both associations with a possible executive session.

21. Adjourn - Nathan Robinson motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 9:03 p.m.