

# Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

## Minutes

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**Board Present:** Bentley Vaughan, Tim Maxham, Michael Inners, Erin Morse, Chet Bromley

**Admin Present:** Rob Gess, Michael Clark

**Public Present:** Buddy Meilleur, Megan DeVinny

### Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark indicated an addition of approval of the audit engagement letter after the consent agenda.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve the minutes from 11/24/2020 - Tim Maxham motions to approve the minutes as printed, Chet Bomley seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
  - b. Audit engagement letter - This is a letter from Sullivan & Powers to engage in the audit. Michael Inners motions to authorize Bentley Vaughan to sign and approve the audit engagement letter. Chet Bromley seconds. Discussion took place around the audit timeline and meeting the March deadline. Discussion also took place around the timing of previous year's audit invoicing. All in favor, motion passes.

### Reports

5. Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark thanked everyone for coming on the last day before vacation. There was a positive case of COVID reported this morning in the Alburgh learning community. Worked well with the department of health and the contact tracers. None of the faculty and staff were traced as direct contact based on the scheduling and limited amounts of students were considered direct contacts. The Governor made some changes to the executive order around multi household gatherings for the next 10 days, opened up the possibility of athletics starting December 26, and schools can no longer ask about multi household gatherings. There was disappointment expressed around the timeline of communication again as faculty and staff were gearing up to leave for break. Have had an increase of sub applicants. Next round of faculty & staff covid testing is on Tuesday when we return from break. The tax letter was sent out. Based on the commissioners' letter, could expect an increase in the tax rate, but it is important to remember that the legislature sets the tax rate. Part of the legislation passed will also have possible positive tax implications. Also anticipate that everyone will be putting forward a budget with a lower cost per pupil than last year. Michael also highlighted the amazing job that teacher, faculty, staff and administrators have done this year in addition to navigating COVID.

Financial Report (CRF and ESSER funds update) - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the board packet. Anticipate that special ed will be under budget this year, and looking to be at a breakeven for general expenditures, cautiously optimistic. No revenues have been received at this time, but they were mailed out by the AOE. The corona relief fund program ends on 12/31 we were approved for \$204,000 and we have submitted for \$189,000 and will submit for the remainder by the deadline of January 15. With Corona relief funds ending, we will start looking at using ESSER funds. Rob explained the two methods of allocations that could be used to take advantage of the available funds. Efinance plus updates include being on track for implementation. The finance team has been working diligently to

complete the module setups. Building of the next modules will begin the first week of January. Discussion took place around line items in the budget to actuals and journal entries that need to be completed. Tim Maxham motions that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals printed 12/18 for FY20, Chet Bromley second, all in favor, motion passes.

### **Board Business.**

6. Board-Superintendent Relations Policy - Bentley Vaughan motions to approve the policy, Michael Inners second, all in favor, motion passes.

7. Prevention of Sexual Harassment As Prohibited by Title IX Policy - Bentley Vaughan motions to approve the policy, Tim Maxham seconds. Michael Inners expressed concern about the policy. Michael Clark clarified that this policy is drafted to create compliance with the current Title IX updates and the district attorney has advised approval. Roll vote: Bentley Vaughan - yes, Erin Morse - yes, Tim Maxham - yes, Chet Bromley - yes, Michael Inners - no, motion passes.

8. Community Use of School Facilities Policy - Tim Maxham motions to approve the policy, Bentley Vaughan second, all in favor, motions passes.

Michael Inners motions to enter executive session to discuss:

9. Review FY 22 GISU Administrator Contracts -

10. Attorney Recommendation regarding OSERS Appeal

11. Superintendent Eval Survey

Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Board enters the executive session at 7:21 p.m. Board exits executive session at 8:26 p.m. Michael Inners motions to approve the contracts for Rob Gess, Megan Grube, and Dave Brisson as presented and discussed and authorize Bentley Vaughan to sign on behalf of the board, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

12. Other - Michael Clark clarified that he is good to issue other contracts, Bentley Vaughan indicates yes.

### **Closure**

13. Setting the next agenda - 3 new policies as presented in plan, update on OSERS Appeal, and superintendent eval survey results to complete superintendent eval.

Michael Clark thanked the board for coming out and ensuring a quorum; this has not been an easy year for board members either and it has been a challenging year. The board thanked Michael for his work as well.

14 . Adjourn - Tim Maxham motions to adjourn, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:31 p.m.