

GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Monday, December 28, 2015
At Grand Isle School

Attendance:

Gary Marckres, *Chair*
Teri Geney
Don Bartlett
Mike Talbot

Barbara Burrington, *Superintendent*
Lynne Carpenter

Call Meeting to Order

Gary Marckres called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Adjustment of Agenda

Food Service Bid Update

Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2015

Teri Geney moved to approve the minutes. Approved 4-0.

Members of the Public—For Items Not on the Agenda

None

Food Service Bid Update

Bid request was sent to 10 companies. The Abbey Group was the only one to respond. They requested a \$15,000 subsidy. They are coming into the GISU to negotiate. The state gave a 30 day extension as the Abbey group was the only one to respond to the bid.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION

Act 46 Update and Discussion

At the last meeting, the committee viewed financial models of the tax impacts of Act 46 incentives. A student survey is going out to all middle and high school students, and the link is live as of this afternoon. Current middle school students at Grand Isle will take it in their advisories, and Barbara Burrington has sent it to the other schools. It was suggested that a local forum be organized in each town. Teri Geney suggested that this be tied in with the budget presentation.

Establish Public Presentation Schedule

The budget would be warned on the morning of January 26. The target date for the finalized budget is January 11. A public forum discussing Act 46 and the finalized budget will be January 25.

Approval of Bills for Payment

Gary Marckres moved to approve bills in the amount of \$207,200.84. Approved 4-0.

FY17 Budget Development

Lynne Carpenter has put the estimated surplus into the budget. The board decided to apply \$146,041 to the budget which leaves \$26,500 for a capital improvements reserve. This would be proposed to the voters in a separate article. The resulting budget matches last year's spending per equalized pupil of \$15,603.54. If the transportation number changes, Lynne Carpenter will adjust the surplus/proposed reserve numbers to maintain the \$15,603.54 amount.

The note on line 37 of the budget should be changed to two buffer high school students instead of three.

Personnel Matter

Erin Murphy has requested to be released from her current contract, as she has received a job at Colchester. They have requested that she start mid January. The Board would like more details from Eric Arnzen on the terms of the offer and the plan for meeting student SLP needs if she is released before the end of the year. Don Bartlett moved to authorize Gary Marckres to act on the Board's behalf after learning this information from Eric. Motion approved 3-0.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING

Based on tax rate illustrations received from the business manager, Teri Geney shared the example that if plowing and lawn care (approximately \$10,000) were transferred from the school budget to the town budget, taxpayers would see a \$9.51 decrease in their taxes (based on median home value of \$257,569) She will send this info to the Select Board with the request that these items be moved to the town budget.

AGENDA BUILDING

FY17 Budget Review
Review Reserve Fund Article Wording
Public Presentation Schedule

EXECUTIVE SESSION


None

ADJOURN

Don Bartlett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Approved 4-0.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION:

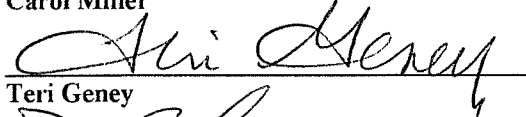
Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Geney. Approved by the Board of Directors on:
January 11, 2015



Gary Marckres, Chair



Carol Miller



Teri Geney



Don Bartlett



Mike Talbot