

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Minutes

Board Present: Bentley Vaughan, Tim Maxham, Chet Bromley, Brad Blanchette, Whitney Maxham, Nathan Kouns

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Nick DeVita

Public Present:

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Bentley Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m
2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark requested to table topics 7 & 8 tonight, Bentley Vaughan agreed.
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - None
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the minutes from 8/26/2021 - Chet Bromley motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Resignation - Sheindie Ries (Payroll) - Michael Clark shared the resignation in the board packet. The position is advertised. Michael Clark thanked Michelle Heling, Megan DeVinny, and Alyssa Dosztan for picking up payroll and untangling some of the problems within the system.

Reports

5. Financial Report - Rob Gess shared the financial summary report provided in the packet. The federal reimbursement request from quarter 4 was finally reviewed and approved. Rob also shared updates on payroll including hiring professional services to assist in balancing the two systems for time and attendance and fix discrepancies. Rob thanked the team as well for picking up payroll. Rob also gave updates on the FY23 budget timeline and thoughts on projections. Tim Maxham motioned that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Superintendent's Report - Michael Clark shared the written report provided in the packet. He did highlight the reports provided by the other administrators provided as well.

Board Business.

6. Student Support Services Presentation - Nick DeVita shared his [presentation](#). Nick focused on creating a supportive culture during the times of change. The presentation focused on Special Education Updates, GISU Special Education Handbook, Act 173, the Service Plan, and future plans. The board asked about budgeting and the service plan in relation to Act 173. Michael Clark elaborated on the challenges faced currently. Michael also highlighted for the board that Nick is less than 60 days into his term and gave a shout out to Nick for all he has accomplished so far.

7. Designation of Surplus funds - tabled

8. Food Service Assessment - tabled

9. Mandatory Covid 19 testing/vaccination - Michael Clark shared updates about mandatory testing and vaccinations. Other school districts have opted for a mandatory route and some of the reasoning behind it, including the anticipation of the state mandating this. It is estimated that +90% of our staff are already vaccinated. GISU employees have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of students and their colleagues. Because of this commitment, believe that a pledge/commitment would be a better route. The board expressed appreciation for this approach.

10. F1 - Travel Reimbursement [update] - Bentley Vaughan Motions to approve, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
11. F23 - Capitalization of Assets [update] - Bentley Vaughan Motions to approve, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
12. A23 - Community Engagement & Vision - Michael Clark indicated that local boards have added in “annually” - the board agreed to follow this practice.
13. C21 - Search & Seizure of Students by School Personnel - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is a first read.
14. C27 - Student Self Expression & Distribution of Literature - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is a first read.
15. F20 - Fiscal Management & General Financial Accountability - Bentley Vaughan indicated this is a first read.
16. Other - none

Closure

17. Setting the next agenda - presentation by Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum, Designation of surplus, and food service assessment, and policy work continued
18. Adjourn - Chet Bromley motions to adjourn, Bentley Vaughan seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourns at 7:32 p.m.