

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Grand Isle School

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Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Call to Order (M. Inners) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard | 6:31 p.m. |
| 3. Adjust the agenda | 6:35 p.m. |
| 4. Consent Agenda (M. Inners) (Action) | 6:40 p.m. |
| a. Approve the minutes from 12/7/2021 | |
| 5. Reports | 6:45 p.m. |
| a. Superintendent's | |
| b. Principal | |
| c. Financial | |

Board Business.

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| 6. Approval of bills for payment (M. Inners)(Action) | 6:55 p.m. |
| 7. FY23 Budget and Warning (M. Inners, R. Gess, L. Thomas, A. Ellison) (possible Action) | 7:05 p.m. |
| 8. Principal resignation & request (M. Inners)(Discussion, possible Action) | 7:25 p.m. |
| 9. Principal Search Proposed Process (Discussion) (M. Clark) | 7:35 p.m. |
| 10. Retirement Incentive update (M. Clark)(Discussion) | 7:40 p.m. |
| 11. F20 - Fiscal Management & General Financial Accountability (M. Inners)(First Reading) | 7:45 p.m. |
| 12. Negotiations updates - teacher & support staff (M. Inners)(Executive Session) | 7:50 p.m. |
| 13. Other | |

Closure

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| 14. Setting the next agenda (M. Inners)(Discussion) | 7:55 p.m. |
| 15. Adjourn | 8:00 p.m. |

Note: Executive Session: If discussion warrants and the Board so votes, some items may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to VSA 1 §313(a)

Discussion Items - Issues the Board needs to discuss and deliberate, but upon which no action is taken at this meeting.

Action Items - Issues that require the Board to make a decision by vote, may have been discussed over several meetings prior to this point.

Consent Items - Routine matters that need no discussion by the Board, but require Board approval. They are grouped together as a single agenda item. Background materials are provided in the Board packet to be reviewed ahead of the meeting. If there are no concerns, they are approved with a single vote. Any member can request the Board remove an item to be discussed and voted on separately. This frees up time at meetings.

Information Items [Incidental Information] - Matters the Board needs to know about, but for which no Board action is needed. The information flow is one way, from presenter to the Board. Questions for clarification are entertained as time allows.

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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.

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1 December 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. The GISU ended up contact-tracing three different confirmed positive Covid-19 cases over the break from exposures which happened the Friday before break and at after school care on the Monday of the break. This brings the total number of cases that GISU has had to contact-trace to ten. Case counts are higher than they have been at any other point in the pandemic. By following the steps below you can help us keep Covid out of the schools - this will let us keep in person learning going strong.

1. If you are eligible and can [get vaccinated](#) ASAP.
2. Stay Home and Keep your Children Home if they are sick or have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) infection.
3. Wear a mask when in public. The viral load is high all around us - masks help slow the spread.
4. Practice social distancing when possible.
5. Use good hand hygiene strategies. Wash and sanitize frequently.
6. If you are concerned you might be infected, [get a test](#). They are free.

I do ask everyone to please be kind if we do have to call either because your child is showing symptoms at school or if we have to make close contact calls. We understand how complicated getting that call can be. We are all feeling stretched to our limit and still we are all hanging on together.

I'm pleased to share that the GISU has received a small supply of Take Home PCR tests. These tests can be used in one-off situations where you need to test your child to see if they might have Covid-19. The collection protocol is very straightforward and families just need to make arrangements with UPS to pick up the sample on the day it is collected so it can be delivered to the testing facility. Both the sample collection kit and the shipping have been paid for by the Vermont Agency of Education. If you need a kit you can contact the GISU Parent Liaison, David Mills, at 802 372-6921 ext 2008 to make arrangements to pick up the kit.

Community Meeting on December 1, 2021

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I will talk about high case counts and the new Take Home Test Kits. As always, questions are welcome!

Wednesday, **December 1, 2021**, 6:00 p.m

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8 December 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

THANK YOU!

Over the last two weeks, the GISU Member School Districts have performed approximately 500 surveillance tests and have had no positive cases of COVID-19! Given the high case counts around the state this is amazing and is a testament to the decisions families have made and the practices which have been adopted by the Grand Isle County Community. I believe it is an indication that individuals and families have:

1. Been vaccinated when eligible to get [get vaccinated](#)
2. Stayed Home and Kept their Children Home if they are sick or have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) infection.
3. Worn a mask when in public.
4. Practiced social distancing when possible.
5. Used good hand hygiene strategies. Wash and sanitize frequently.
6. When concerned they might be infected, [they got a test](#). They are free.

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I'm pleased to share the information at the end of this letter regarding a free parent coaching opportunity offered through the Parent Coaching Institute by Mary DuPont, a former Grand Isle County Teacher. Please reach out to Mary directly if you are interested.

Community Meeting on December 8, 2021

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I do not have a presentation for tonight but will be available to answer questions.

Wednesday, **December 8, 2021**, 6:00 p.m

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What is Parent Coaching?

Parent coaching is a very effective way to help moms and dads come up with practical, long-term solutions to parenting challenges. I teach you to know and use your talents and strengths to help you attain your highest aspirations for yourself, your children and your family.

Who am I?

I am a student working toward Parent Coaching Certification through the Parent Coaching Institute (www.ThePCI.org). I am working to log 100 hours of coaching practice as part of my program studies. I am a retired elementary school teacher with 25 years teaching experience. I have a Masters of Education degree.

Why work with a parent coach?

We all go through challenges when raising kids. Parents have different reasons for seeking out coaches. Here are some examples of concerns I can help you with:

- *Act as a sounding board and resource person for decisions that greatly affect you and your family.
- *Support your self-care endeavors
- *Provide research-based methods for controlling and managing digital devices
- *Assist you in navigating challenging behaviors patterns exhibited by your children
- *Help you live by your parenting values and priorities

What can you expect?

We will collaborate by phone or “zoom” meetings for 10 sessions lasting one hour each. Through the process, we will identify challenges, strengths of family members, parenting priorities and resources available to help with your needs. Coach and parent will work collaboratively to use strengths of family members to come up with new ideas and fresh approaches to build successful strategies.

If PCI Parent Coaching seems like a right fit for you, Please contact me:

Mary Dupont (802-309-0219)

mldupont@aol.com

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13 December 2021

Dear GISU Learning Community:

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We have contacted anyone we believe was a close contact. Close contact means being within six feet, or two meters, for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period while the person was infectious. A person's infectious period starts two days before any symptoms began (or for people without any symptoms, two days before the day they got tested) and continues until they are recovered.

The most important things you can do:

- Make sure your child is wearing [a mask](#) when recommended or required.
- Make sure your child is [washing their hands](#).
- Keep your child home if they are sick.
- Call your primary care provider if you or your child has [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Make sure that your children get vaccinated when they are eligible. [Find a location near you](#).

People who may have been exposed have been notified:

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and was in [close contact](#) with the person who tested positive may have been exposed to the virus and was asked to quarantine, which means staying home and away from other people for up to 14 days. Read more about [what it means to quarantine](#).

Anyone who is fully vaccinated or has recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months and was in close contact with the person who tested positive does not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.

[Learn more about what happens when there is a case in a school.](#)

Supporting our learning community

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What is COVID-19?

A coronavirus that causes COVID-19, which is an illness that was discovered in 2019. Coronaviruses are a type of virus that are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are many kinds of coronaviruses including some that cause respiratory illnesses, like the common cold. The specific symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
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- Sore throat
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- Diarrhea

How does COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19 spreads when a person infected with COVID-19 breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus when they cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe. People who are closer than 6 feet (or 2 meters) from the person with COVID-19 are most likely to get infected. You can get COVID-19 if these droplets or particles are breathed in, land on your eyes nose or mouth, or get on your hands, and then you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

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How can parents and guardians help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

We are seeing a significant increase in positive Covid-19 cases in Island Schools this week. Since Sunday we have had four positive cases identified in three school buildings. Fortunately we are seeing high levels of vaccinations in the schools so there has been much less loss of learning days. People who are fully vaccinated do not need to be isolated or quarantined when they are identified as a close contact unless they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#). There are [regular vaccination clinics available](#) please see the state website if you are interested in signing up for an appointment. We anticipate that many of the students who are ages 5-11 will be fully vaccinated when they return from the winter break in January.

Winter Break starts on December 23, 2021. This will be the last community letter of 2021 and this week's community meeting will also be the last community meeting of 2021. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe break. We all look forward to the start of the new year.

Community Meeting on December 15, 2021

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I do not have a presentation for tonight but will be available to answer questions .

Wednesday, **December 15, 2021**, 6:00 p.m

[Join with Google Meet](#) meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi

[Join by phone \(US\)](#) +1 573-349-3062 PIN: 810 989 343#

Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Superintendent

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15 December 2021

Dear GISU Learning Community:

Today, we learned that one member of the Grand Isle School campus learning community has a positive case of Covid-19. Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the name of the individual with COVID-19. We ask for compassion and sensitivity for all those involved. We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

We have contacted anyone we believe was a close contact. Close contact means being within six feet, or two meters, for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period while the person was infectious. A person's infectious period starts two days before any symptoms began (or for people without any symptoms, two days before the day they got tested) and continues until they are recovered.

The most important things you can do:

- Make sure your child is wearing [a mask](#) when recommended or required.
- Make sure your child is [washing their hands](#).
- Keep your child home if they are sick.
- Call your primary care provider if you or your child has [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Make sure that your children get vaccinated when they are eligible. [Find a location near you](#).

People who may have been exposed have been notified:

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and was in [close contact](#) with the person who tested positive may have been exposed to the virus and was asked to quarantine, which means staying home and away from other people for up to 14 days. Read more about [what it means to quarantine](#).

Anyone who is fully vaccinated or has recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months and was in close contact with the person who tested positive does not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.

[Learn more about what happens when there is a case in a school.](#)

Supporting our learning community

In order to maintain everyone's privacy, we cannot disclose who in our community has tested positive. Remember that we are all at risk of getting this virus. These "COVID-19 cases" are our friends and family, and we need to be understanding and supportive. People with COVID-19 often experience uncomfortable symptoms and emotional stress. Instead of participating in speculation or gossip, offer to help community members who are affected by quarantine. With creative action from all of us, we will get through this period of anxiety and disruption. We thank you for your investment in the health and wellbeing of our school community.

What is COVID-19?

A coronavirus that causes COVID-19, which is an illness that was discovered in 2019. Coronaviruses are a type of virus that are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are many kinds of coronaviruses including some that cause respiratory illnesses, like the common cold. The specific symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

- Diarrhea

How does COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19 spreads when a person infected with COVID-19 breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus when they cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe. People who are closer than 6 feet (or 2 meters) from the person with COVID-19 are most likely to get infected. You can get COVID-19 if these droplets or particles are breathed in, land on your eyes nose or mouth, or get on your hands, and then you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Vaccines are the best way to protect your child against COVID-19. When your child is fully vaccinated, they are much less likely to get sick and less likely to spread the virus to others. Everyone who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine should get vaccinated. It's free, quick and easy. Talk with your child's health care provider if you have questions or find a vaccine site near you at healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine. Everyone, including children who can't be vaccinated, can take prevention steps to protect themselves and others. Learn more at healthvermont.gov/StaySafeVT.

How can parents and guardians help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

- If your child is sick, keep them home.
- Make sure members of your household wash their hands often using soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Make sure every member of your household covers their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow, and then washes their hands afterwards.
- Wear a mask in public when you cannot stay 6 feet apart from other people.

We are working with the Health Department to keep our community safe.

- We are working closely with the Health Department and following their recommendations to keep our community safe.
- We will clean and disinfect the Alburgh School per the Health Department guidance.
- Sick employees and children will not return to work until they are healthy.

Learn more about [getting tested in Vermont](#).

We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can create a safe and fun experience for your children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lauren Thomas Grand Isle School, Principal, Kristie Barber, GISU District Nurse and Covid Coordinator, or Michael Clark, GISU Superintendent at any time.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

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GISU Superintendent

Lauren Thomas

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Grand Isle School Principal

Kristie Barber

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22 December 2021.

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

We hope you have a great Holiday Break. Please be aware the Vermont Department of Health is taking care of all contact tracing for positive Covid-19 cases between 3:00 this afternoon and January 3, 2022. Schools across the state of Vermont, including all of Grand Isle County will not be doing contact tracing during this time.

[Symptoms](#)

[What to do if you are a close contact](#)

[What to do if you have symptoms or test positive](#)

[Where to get tested](#)

[Information about Vaccines for Children 5-11](#)

I will hold office hours on Wednesday, December 29 between 11:30 and 1:00 to answer questions about Covid 19. Please feel free to [join this link at that time](#) or this phone number 530-395-0655 PIN: 959 602 375# If you have any questions.

I hope you have a fantastic Holiday Break and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

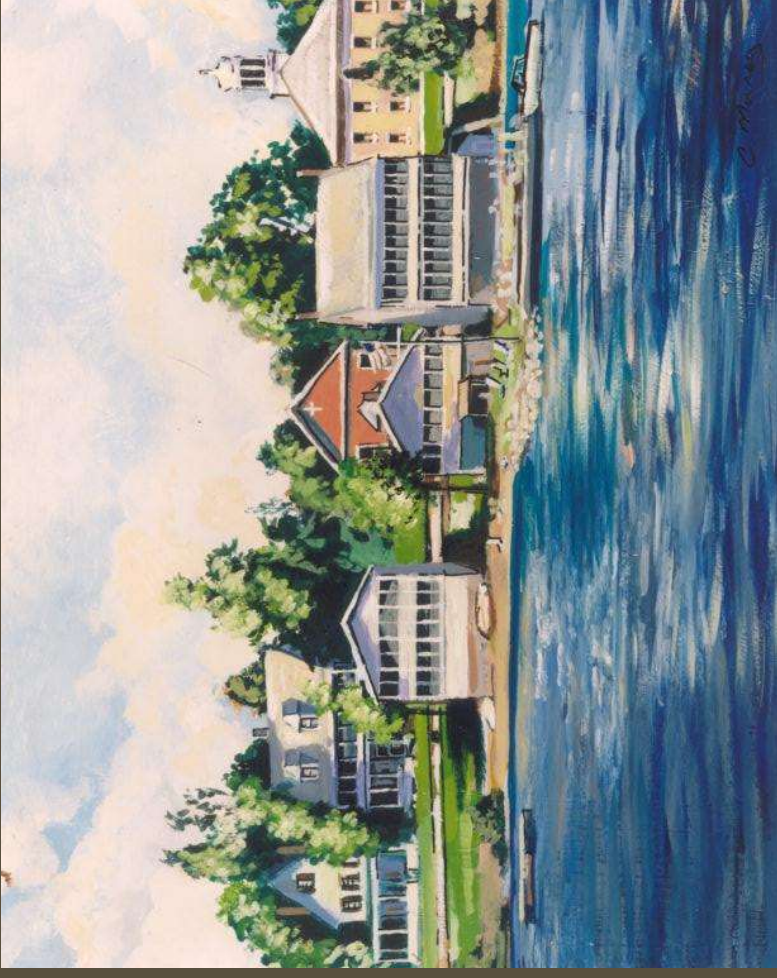
Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Superintendent

CIUSD Board Report- Principals

January, 2022



CIUUSD Board Report: Principals

CIUUSD Sports:

- Winter basketball season is in full swing.

Ski Trips:

- Grand Isle is moving forward with our Learn to Ride program at Smugglers Notch. Our parent volunteer is in his last year of organizing and is training another volunteer in the process. Our next step is securing transportation for Thursdays in January and February. Scholarships provided by the Grand Isle Rec Department.

- Premier can do the bussing for Ski club at \$1395 a trip. It is four trips, a total of \$5,580. Since students will not have access to the lodge or long in the rental shop, they will be utilizing the bus as home base during the program. Mountain Transit was not able to meet our request.

- North Hero will be visiting Bolton Valley on four Fridays starting on January 21st, 2022. 23 students have signed up and we are preparing final paperwork and mountain waivers.

- Mountain Transit will be providing buses for the North Hero trip. These buses have been scheduled around the driver's normal pick-up and drop-off which has caused some adjustments in when we will be picked up and dropped off. There will also be a period of time when we will not be able to keep our bags inside and we have let families know to pack accordingly.

Grand Isle:

- We provided an online concert for our winter music concert. Links to the performances were emailed to parents to view.
- We ended 2021 with a PBIS celebration of PIE in the FACE. 7 staff members were pried on Tuesday.
- The school participated in a school wide door decorating competition with a winter theme. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were awarded.
- MTSS has met around all students who have been referred for needing additional support. The teams have discussed next steps, for grades 1-6, is starting to focus on vertical alignment and transitions to receiving middle schools.

CIUUSD Board Report: Principals

- North Hero:
 - Students enjoyed the many train themed December events.
 - Preschool won the door decorating contest, grade 3/4 earned the most points in the jingle bell run, and all students enjoyed spirit week and multiple opportunities to have hot chocolate this month.
 - All students also enjoyed the multiple winter & train themed obstacles courses during PE & fitness classes.
 - The PTYO sponsored a basket fundraiser for adults and one of the sixth graders organized a basket fundraiser for students. Together they raised a lot of money for the end of year sixth grade trip.

GI Facilities update

Grand Isle Boiler Project: The boiler project is still moving forward. Sunwood has been out multiple times to look at the site and finalize the design, we are still waiting on equipment to arrive from overseas.:

NH & ILM Facilities update

North Hero Sewer back up: Sewer issues again at North Hero, CSS came and we shot a camera through the line, the line portion that goes under the driveway has bowed in multiple places. You can see where the road has collapsed above it coming from the tanks to the school. there are other issues in the original end of the building, when we looked in the pipes we could see some of the cast iron was displaced and collapsing. I am looking at options. Currently the lines will back up approx every month requiring the lines to be jetted out to get it flowing again.

Boilers: The boilers are not operating properly, I have had CSI in three times to look at the system and make repairs. Boiler #2 will not run for more than a few minutes at a time and when both boilers are on, they will both trip and shut off waiting to be manually reset, currently the school is operating on one boiler, which seems to be holding up but it has not been super cold yet this year.. The boilers were manufactured in 1987 and installed in 1988. They are 34 years old, 14 years past their estimated life span. It would be a prudent to begin planning their replacement sooner than later.

Water Circulator Pumps: Ordered the pumps just waiting on them to get in to install them.

Isle La Motte: Chevallier was up to work on the water system and helped balanced the system as well. It seems to be working better now.

From: **Lauren Thomas** <lthomas@gisu.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 2:56 PM

Subject: Board Email-

To: Michael Clark <mclark@gisu.org>

Dear CIUUSD Superintendent and Board Members,

I would like to inform you that I will not be seeking a contract once my current contract ends in June of 2022. Thank you for your ongoing support and ensuring that all kids in Grand Isle get a top rate education. I will continue to pursue excellence through the remaining days of my contract. I have accepted a position as the Assistant Executive Director of the Vermont Principals Association. I look forward to continuing to support education not only in the islands, but statewide in this new endeavor.

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Lauren Thomas

Principal Grand Isle School

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FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Policy

It is the policy of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union and its member districts to manage its financial affairs in a fair and open manner using acceptable financial practices and providing appropriate accountability.

Administrative Responsibilities

With the advice and consent of the auditor of accounts and the Vermont Commissioner of Education, the superintendent shall establish and maintain an accrual system of accounting for the proper control and reporting of school district finances and for stating the financial condition of the school district.

Guidelines

1. The approved budget will be the spending plan for the year. The superintendent or his or her designee is authorized to make commitments in accordance with the budget appropriations in amounts not to exceed \$40,000. For expenditures in excess of that amount, or expenditures of over \$40,000 not planned for in the budget, approval for purchases must be made by the board.
2. The superintendent shall have authority to transfer funds for planned expenses between two line items in the budget up to an amount not to exceed 10% of the lesser of the two.
3. The superintendent shall arrange an annual audit of accounts by a certified public accountant.
4. Employees handling large sums of money will be properly bonded.
5. Inventories of supplies, materials and instructional equipment will be maintained and reviewed on an annual basis.
6. The bidding requirements of 16 V.S.A. §559 will be followed by the board and its designees.
7. A system will be established for managing miscellaneous accounts such as fees, fines, penalties, book losses, breakage and sale of equipment and materials.
8. At the school level, the Principal will be responsible for overseeing all student accounts.

	<i>GISU</i>	<i>Alburgh</i>	<i>CIUUSD</i>	<i>South Hero</i>
<i>Date Warned</i>	<i>9/23/2021</i>	<i>01/03/2022</i>	<i>01/04/2022</i>	<i>01/20/2022</i>
<i>Date Adopted</i>	<i>10/28/2021</i>			

<i>VSBA Versions:</i>	<i>March 25, 2009</i>
<i>Legal Reference(s):</i>	<i>16 V.S.A. §563 (3) (Powers of school boards)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §559 (Public bidding)</i>
	<i>24 V.S.A. §832 (Bonding requirements)</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. §1756 (Indemnity and insurance)</i>
	<i>Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices §3250</i>
<i>Cross Reference(s):</i>	<i>Budgeting (F30)</i>
	<i>Financial Reports and Statements (F21)</i>

FY23 Tax Rate Scenarios- CIUUSD Grand Isle

	Act 173		Act 173	
	Deferred to FY24		Implemented	Comments
Yield	\$	12,937	\$	12,937 Scenario B. Last year \$10,763
CLA- Grand Isle		91.53%		91.53% Last year 95.40%
Budgeted Expenditures	\$	8,739,460	\$	8,739,460
Budget Revenues	\$	1,103,400	\$	778,400 No Special Ed Cost Reimbursement (56%).
Local Ed Spending	\$	7,636,060	\$	7,961,060
Equalized Pupils		406.44		406.44 Last year warned at 403.15
Cost Per EqPup	\$	18,788	\$	19,587 Excess Spending Threshold <u>\$18,789</u>
Homestead Tax Rate	\$	1.5666	\$	1.6342 Last Year Warned at \$1.6332
YOY Change	\$	(0.067)	\$	0.0010

FY23 Tax Rate Scenarios- CIUUSD North Hero

	Act 173		Act 173	
	Deferred to FY24		Implemented	Comments
Yield	\$	12,937	\$	12,937 Scenario B. Last year \$10,763
CLA- North Hero		88.60%		88.60% Last year 92.86%
Budgeted Expenditures	\$	8,739,460	\$	8,739,460
Budget Revenues	\$	1,103,400	\$	778,400 No Special Ed Cost Reimbursement (56%).
Local Ed Spending	\$	7,636,060	\$	7,961,060
Equalized Pupils		406.44		406.44 Last year warned at 403.15
Cost Per EqPup	\$	18,788	\$	19,587 Excess Spending Threshold <u>\$18,789</u>
Homestead Tax Rate	\$	1.6191	\$	1.6889 Last Year Warned at \$1.6792
YOY Change	\$	(0.060)	\$	0.0097

FY23 Tax Rate Scenarios- CIUUSD Isle La Motte

	Act 173		Act 173		
	Deferred to FY24		Implemented		Comments
Yield	\$	12,937	\$	12,937	Scenario B. Last year \$10,763
CLA- ILM		90.29%		90.29%	Last year 97.11%
Budgeted Expenditures	\$	8,739,460	\$	8,739,460	
Budget Revenues	\$	1,103,400	\$	778,400	No Special Ed Cost Reimbursement (56%).
Local Ed Spending	\$	7,636,060	\$	7,961,060	
Equalized Pupils		406.44		406.44	Last year warned at 403.15
Cost Per EqPup	\$	18,788	\$	19,587	Excess Spending Threshold <u>\$18,789</u>
Homestead Tax Rate	\$	1.5884	\$	1.6569	Last Year Warned at \$1.6989
YOY Change	\$	(0.111)	\$	(0.0420)	

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL WARNING

ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the towns of Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, and North Hero, being the towns of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling places on Tuesday March 1, 2022 (Grand Isle Residents at the Grand Isle Town office from 7:00am-7:00pm, Isle La Motte Residents of the Isle La Motte Town office from 9:00am-7:00pm and North Hero Residents at the North Hero Town office from 7:00am-7:00pm) to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District approve the school board to appropriate **\$8,739,460** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$18,788** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.4% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District authorize the Board of School Directors to accept and expend such grant monies as may from time to time become available to the unified union school district.
- ARTICLE 4: To elect all School Officers as required by law.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the date of the CIUUSD Annual Meeting of March 6, 2023 at 6:30pm at the North Hero School and recessed and opened back up at Australian ballot voting on Town Meeting Day on March 7, 2023.

POLLING PLACES

Grand Isle	Grand Isle Town Office 7:00am-7:00pm
Isle La Motte	Isle La Motte Town Office 9:00am-7:00pm
North Hero	North Hero Town Office 7:00am-7:00pm

Ballots shall be transported and delivered to the Grand Isle Town Office in the Town of Grand Isle and there comingled and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of the several Town School Districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District.

The legal voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u of Title 19 and Chapters 43,51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes annotated.

Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of Directors of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District on January 04, 2022

Michael Inners, Chair

Nathan Robinson

Chet Bromley

Amy Thompson

Brad Blanchette

*The Champlain Island Unified Union School board will hold an informational meeting, on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District on January _ , 2022.

Melissa Boutin, District Clerk

12/20/21

Dear Grand Isle Board Members,

I am asking for the board to consider "buying out" 53 remaining sick days, 20 personal days, at 95\$ a day. This is not the remaining balance of my sick days and/or personal days, but the days I am requesting.

Respectfully,

Lauren Thomas

December 15, 2021

Michael Inners, ChairPerson of the CIUUSD Board

Dear Mr. Inners,

I am submitting my letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2022. I wanted to let the Board know that I have enjoyed teaching at Grand Isle School for the last 34 years. It has been a pleasure to work with all the different students and their families. I appreciate all the opportunities that were available for me to grow as an educator.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Sacca