CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Monday, March 26, 2018

At North Hero School

Present:

Mason Maltais

Jane Zera

Nathan Robinson

Gary Marckres

Mike Talbot

Don Van Nostrand, Superintendent

Public:

Paul Zera

Bridget Brisson

Bart Wilcox

LCATX Reps

Meeting called to order by Don Van Nostrand at 6:33 p.m.

**Reorganization of Board:**

Don Van Nostrand asked for nominations for chair. Mike Talbot nominated Gary Marckres. No other nominations. All in favor.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for vice chair. Gary Marckres nominated Mason Maltais. No other nominations. Paul Zera asked for point of order and said that a second on the nominations is needed.

Don Van Nostrand took the meeting over and asked for nominations for chair. Mike Talbot nominated Gary Marckres; second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for vice chair. Gary Marckres nominated Mason Maltais; second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for clerk. Gary Marckres nominated Nathan Robinson; second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for a representative for the Supervisory Union Board. Mason Maltais nominated Gary Marckres; second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for the negotiations committee. Nathan Robinson nominated Mike Talbot; second by Jane Zera. All in favor.

There is no executive committee representative at this time. Item is tabled until after the GISU meeting on March 28, 2018.

Gary Marckres asked for nominations for policy committee. Gary Marckres nominated Jane Zera; second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

Gary Marckres nominated the Grand Isle Sheriff’s Office to serve as the truant officer; second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

A handout was provided with future meeting dates and locations. Gary Marckres moved that the schedule as presented be approved; second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

Gary Marckres motioned to post agendas according to the individual town school boards posting locations. Second by Nathan Robinson. All in favor.

Gary Marckres motioned for The Islander to be the newspaper of record. Second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

Code of Ethics handout given to board members. Forms were reviewed and signed and given to Don to keep at the Central Office.

Board Member Information Update was included in the information packet sent to board members. If any updates are needed, board members will complete the form and return to the Central Office.

**Adjust the Agenda:**

Gary Marckres asked for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Bart Wilcox suggested a relook at the K-6 vs K-8 handout that was previously provided, given the fact that Alburgh School District is looking into leaving the district and South Hero School District wants to keep their K-8 structure. He feels there is a great cost savings in having a K-8 district. Gary Marckres advised Mr. Wilcox that the board does not have the legal authority to change the structure. A discussion took place. Gary Marckres told Mr. Wilcox that there would be a discussion at the next CIUUSD board meeting regarding the legal requirements to revisit the voted on structure for Act 46. Gary Marckres will be looking for guidance from AOE.

**Consent Agenda:**

Mason Maltais made a motion to accept the minutes of February 19, 2018. Second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

**Appoint Board Member to DMG:**

Gary Marckres will be attending the DMG meeting on March 28, 2018. Mike Talbot nominated Gary Marckres to represent CIUUSD at future DMG meetings. Second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

**Policy Governance Consulting & Training:**

Don Van Nostrand contacted the VSBA and was told they use Val Gardner for policy governance consulting and training. It was suggested that CIUUSD could contract with her for no more than 20 hours. She attends board meetings and brings other representatives with her to give an overview of policy governance. Board can then decide if they want to continue. If the board decides to continue, they will need to decide the number of work sessions. It is approximately a 12-18 month process to get fully engulfed. It is $112.00/hour plus mileage for the consulting/training fees. We are able to use our transition grant to pay for this consulting fee. Don Van Nostrand noted that there is a conference in Savannah, GA from June 21-23, 2018 for policy governance. Discussion took place regarding consulting and training. Mason Maltais motioned to approve a contract with VSBA for 20 hours of consulting and mileage. Second by Mike Talbot. All in favor.

**Update on Potential SU Space:**

Nathan Robinson did not have any further updates for the board. Mike Talbot got general numbers for renovations of walls and doorframes. The person he spoke with estimated about $20,000.00 for walls and doorframes. There was no estimate for electrical or plumbing. Gary Marckres asked Don Van Nostrand if the transition grant would cover the cost of an estimate if done by a company. Don advised there are no restrictions on the funds, but will ask this specific question. Mike Talbot said he would reach out to an engineer and see if he can draft an estimate.

**Executive Session:**

Gary Marckres motioned to move into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Mason Maltais. All in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m. There was no action taken, however Gary Marckres stated that as a result of an executive session discussion, the CIUUSD board would like it recorded that they unanimously voiced confidence in Superintendent Van Nostrand in his support of CIUUSD.

**Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting:**

\*Review legal requirements to revisit the voted on structure for Act 46

\*Review Policy Governance Conference in Savannah, GA on June 21-23, 2018

\*Update on SU space

\*Policy Governance initial presentation (other boards to be invited)

\*Review Mission Statement

Nathan Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mason Maltais. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.