

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: GISU Central Office (at Grand Isle School)

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Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Call to Order (M. Clark) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard | 6:05 p.m. |
| 3. Adjust the agenda | 6:10 p.m. |
| 4. Consent Agenda (Action) | 6:15 p.m. |
| a. Approve the minutes from 8/2/2022 | |
| 5. Reports | 6:20 p.m. |
| a. Superintendent's | |
| b. Financial | |
| c. Principal's | |
| d. GISU Board member update | |

Board Business.

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| 6. Approval of bills for payment (M. Inners)(Action) | 6:50 p.m. |
| 7. Isle La Motte Campus Update (N. DeVita)(Discussion) | 6:55 p.m. |
| 8. Staffing Update (LI) (A. Ellison & A. Hanlon)(Discussion, possible Action) | 7:05 p.m. |
| 9. Goals Review (M. Inners)(Discussion) | 7:15 p.m. |
| 10. Leave Request (M. Clark)(Action) | 7:30 p.m. |
| 11. VEHI Proxy (M. Inners)(Action) | 7:35 p.m. |
| 12. Other | 7:40 p.m. |

Closure

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| 13. Setting the next agenda (Discussion) | 7:45 p.m. |
| 14. Adjourn | 7:45 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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School Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Natha Robinson, Sylvia Jensen (reconnect at 6:12 p.m.)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Matt Brouillette

Public Present: LCATV,

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none
3. Adjust the agenda - none
4. Consent Agenda - Nathan Robinson motions to approve the minutes from 7/5 and 7/9 as presented, all in favor, motion passes.
 - a. Approve the minutes from 7/5/2022, 7/9/2022, and 7/26/2022 - 7/26/2022 meeting canceled

5. Reports

- a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his written report provided in the packet. He highlighted that summer programming has been happening and is winding down. He also highlighted that the website has been migrated to the new platform. There is still some cleaning up happening. Hiring continues throughout the Islands, CIUUSD is in great shape! PCB testing has started in Alburgh and CIUUSD is in the fall of 2023 - it will only be the North Hero School tested, not the Grand Isle School based on the date of remodel.
- b. Financial - Rob Gess shared updates on the uniform chart of accounts, reimbursement processing, P-EBT reporting and reconciliation,
- c. Principal's - Michael Inners shared the written report provided in the packet. Matt Brouillette shared that there has been progress with the boiler and the installation of the silo. Awarded a grant for \$198,000 - this will fund 75% of the project. Safety and security of campuses are being explored and there are grants available to fund some of this work. Matt also updated that parts for repairing the elevator in Grand Isle are on the way and there was more damage to the Grand Isle roof than anticipated. Repair work is also under way.
- d. GISU Board member update - Brad Blanchette highlighted the goals that were shared at the GISU meeting.

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment - Michael Inners shared there are two warrants provided - one for the FY22 school year and a second for the FY23. Brad Blanchette motions to approve and authorize Michael Inners to both warrants - \$52,855.12 (FY22) and \$660,168.05 (FY23), all in favor, motions passes.
7. VSBIT Proxy - Nathan Robinson motions to authorize Michael Inners as the proxy, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Recap of Retreat - Michael Inners shared updates from the retreat. He encouraged board members to review notes and adopt goals at the next meeting. Discussion took place around when to review and measure progress towards the goals.
9. Act 173 lawsuit - 10. Tuition lawsuit - Michael Inners motions to enter executive session to receive legal advice from the board's attorneys, all in favor, motion passes. The board enters executive session at 7:11 p.m. The Board exits executive session at 8:42 p.m. Nathan Robinson motions to authorize Michael Inners to communicate with attorney Sean Tahoe regarding the Act 173 lawsuit within the parameters discussion, all in favor, motion passes.

11. Other - none

Closure

12. Setting the next agenda - discussion about goals, Nick DeVita's Isle La Motte campus presentation

13. Adjourn - Sylvia Jensen motions to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:45 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

August 2022

Prepared by Michael J. Clark

16 August 2022

There is only a little more than two weeks before students return to school. All of the schools are putting the finishing touches on their buildings and will be ready to welcome back students, faculty, staff, and community. In-service planning is coming together and we expect a strong start to the school year. This is a great time of year in education! Everything is fresh and it truly seems possible that we can ensure all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

You will notice that I am changing the format of the monthly superintendent's report and will strive to share information with the board every month that highlights how we are making progress towards our priority areas and goals.

Academic Proficiency for All
<i>Goal: By June 2024: 75% of students proficient in ELA and Math; 100% of students showing growth especially students belonging to historically marginalized groups.</i>
Our inservice training includes time for teachers to continue training on Wit and Wisdom, Geodes, and the Math Pilot.
I'm pleased to welcome our new instructional coaches; Sam Bowers and Jen O'Neill. The coaches have been working throughout August to help plan for the coming year and have had a role in planning inservice. Jen will lead the implementation of the Wit and Wisdom program and Sam will lead the Math Pilot.

Effective and Responsive Systems of Supports For All Students
<i>Goal: By June of 2025, consistent, effective, and responsive systems of support are implemented across the GISU to ensure 100% of students access equitable and inclusive core instruction and the academic and social-emotional supports needed for their success.</i>
GISU and our member districts have had a busy summer creating incredible summer programming and supporting the opportunities provided by other Island programs. We are working on creating an extensive report detailing how many students participated in summer programming. We have also provided opportunities for families to share their summer

programming experiences which will also be shared in the report.

We have done work on getting our new special education evaluation team up and going. The team is also preparing to share with faculty/staff, students, families and the community the details of how the evaluation team will do its work and support students.

Inclusive and Equitable Learning Environments For All

Goal: By June of 2025, GISU will demonstrate measurable growth on key indicators of equity as measured by a second administration of an equity audit and student, staff, and community perception surveys.

This month we met with Inner Space, a local group that has done equity work throughout Vermont and have begun to talk about what is necessary to have them perform an equity audit. The next step is to continue to work with Inner Space and include the full instructional leadership team.

Central office instructional leaders and two board chairs participated in an Abenaki Cultural Competency training in Swanton this August. The training was very informative and shared parts of Vermont history that most are not aware of. This is a first step preparing for more educational opportunities to teach about Abenaki Culture in the schools. There is a plan for all administrators to participate in the cultural competencies training in the fall and for all educators to also receive training prior to our Indigenous Peoples day celebration.

Robust Educator Support System

Goal: By 2025, increase teacher retention, preparation, and supports to increase teacher sense of self-efficacy and ensure that our students with highest needs have the most highly qualified educators working with them

Hiring is going reasonably well throughout the Islands. Most professionally licensed positions that we planned to fill are filled. We do still have a number of non-licensed positions which will need to be filled. In the meantime plans are being made to support students while we continue to work to fill these positions.

Strong and Efficient Technology, Finance, and Facilities Infrastructure

Goal:
By 2025, implement state mandated infrastructure across tech, finance and facilities that enables the flexibility to keep pace with technological and instructional innovations and student needs eg. Capital Improvement plan, SU Wide Technology Plan, Upgraded Accounting platform, etc.

It has been a busy summer. All computer devices have been cleaned, inventoried, and restored.

The conversion to the new chart of accounts has been more extensive than expected but we continue to make progress.

All of the administrators participated in a school safety training with Sheriff Allen.

All buildings are participating in School Safety Audits sponsored by VSBIT.

I encourage everyone to check out the new website and app. You'll recall we partnered with Apptegy to update the website and to create an app for both Apple and Android devices. We will start promoting the app soon.

As you can see it's been a busy summer getting ready for the start of the year. We are in good shape and excited for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Champlain Islands Unified Union School District
FY 2022 Summary Financial Status - Unaudited
As of: 08/30/22

	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	As of 8/30/22	Encumbrance	Spent & Encumbered	Budget Remaining	Percentage Spent/Received So Far This Year	Percentage Spent/Received Expected (TBD)
Revenues	8,751,239	-	-	-	-	8,751,239	0.0%	
Expenses	8,751,239	-	826,196	32,083	858,279	7,892,960	9.8%	
Wages/Benefits	3,117,168		40,946	-	40,946	3,076,222	1.3%	
Tuitions	3,035,856		-	-	-	3,035,856	-1.0%	
Subtotal	-	-	(826,196)			(826,196)		
Balance Brought Forward	527,815	-						
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NOTES:

This includes bills, payroll and revenue through August 30, 2022. Accounts Payable reflected in tonight's warrant are not included in the amount above.

Revenue

Expenses

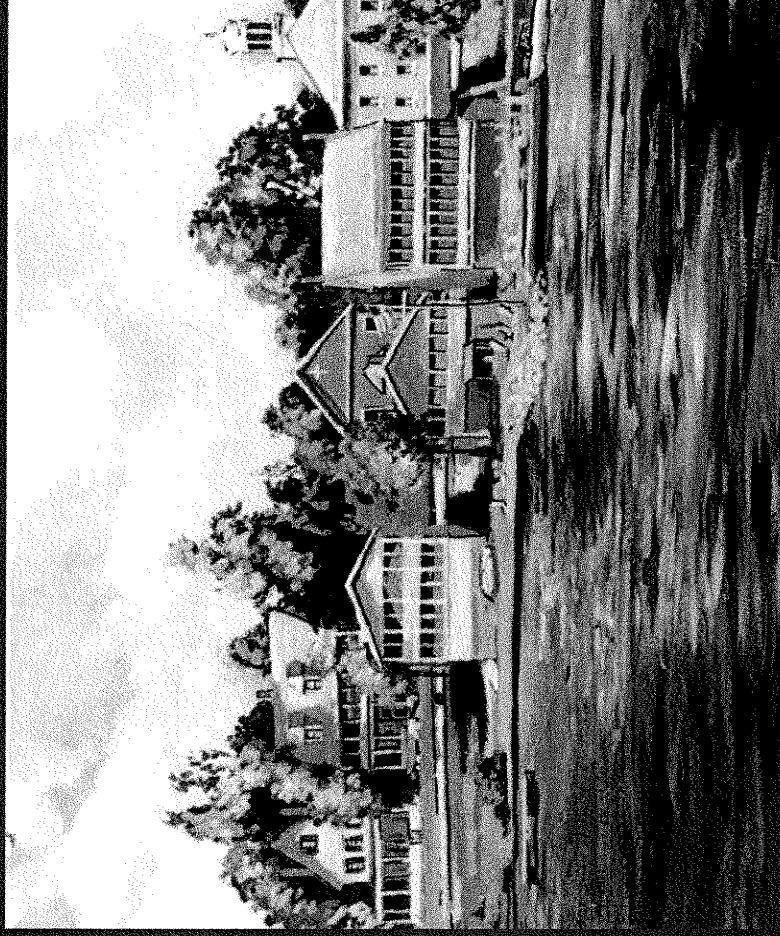
Building principals have been very business ordering educational supplies for the beginning of the school year. I will be meeting with them in September to review their year to date spending.

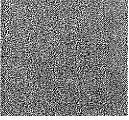
Other

The summer has been extremely busy time for the business office. The updating of payroll earning codes for the SU in the accounting system was much more complexed than expected. The summer P-EBT data file was uploaded to the AOE on August 21st. Eligible families should see the benefit added to their cards by the end of September. We received verification from the AOE that the Grand Isle campus can participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program beginning with this school year. The Grand Isle campus will be able to participate in the CEP program for the next four years.

CIUSD Board Report- Principals

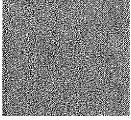
September 2022





CIUUSD Board Report: Principals

- **GIS End of Summer Update**
 - Matt, Toby and Shannon have been vital to our schools openings- big thanks to them
 - Summer programming ended on a great note.
 - The new website is up and running and being utilized by many teachers and staff.
- **GIS Start of Year News**
 - ADA compliance concerns
 - Limited accommodations for visual impairments.
 - New markings for the stairs
 - UEB for rooms
 - Accommodations for hard-of-hearing
 - Lights for doors- instead of knocking
 - Ensuring the fire alarms are able to be identified.
 - Exciting programming
 - New curriculums and ideas for family engagement.
- **NHS End of Summer Update**
 - Big thanks also to Matt, Toby, and Cody for cleaning and beautifying our schools. Also thanks to them again along with Shannon who facilitate the big move of furniture from Isle La Motte School to North Hero this August.
 - Our new website is posted and is in process of being updated; we have been utilizing the live feed to build excitement leading up to the start of the new school year.



CIUUSD Board Report: Principals

- **NHS Start of Year News**

- The new programming is off to a great start and we are excited to have Megan Walker who will be assisting with leading the math pilot at our school.

- **CIUUSD In-Service**

- Grand Isle and North Hero Schools held a shared CIUUSD in-service for the morning of the school based day.
- Staff had a chance to get to know a range of staff from both schools while focusing together on kindness, gratitude, and compassion.
- Because we're better together!

- **CIUUSD Staffing**

- Hired a long-term sub to cover for the North Hero School PE position
- Hired one paraeducator at the Grand Isle School
- We recommended for hire a paraeducator and behavior interventionist who declined the offers just before school began, those positions remain open and we are actively looking for applicants

GI Facilities update

Grand Isle Campus:

All four of the new Pellet Boilers are installed and the Pellet storage silo has been erected. The boiler project is 88% according to Sunwood Biomass, we are waiting on the final 12% which consists of hooking up the electronics, installing/upgrading the new software. I have been looking for a pellet distributor, the cheapest I could find so far is Bourdeau Bros out of Sheldon VT at \$295-\$300 per ton. Bournes was priced at \$310. It looks at this point all of the construction will be done rather quickly and we will be ready to go for the start of the heating season. I am looking to ordering a full silo of pellets soon in order to be prepared for the winter the estimated cost for a full silo is \$9440-\$9600 and should last the entire heating season vs the \$50,000 we spent on #2 heating oil last heating season..

Grand Isle had a Security Audit completed by VSBIT on August 19th I am waiting for the report to come in to Ashley and I, once in we will review the recommendations.

The summer cleaning was completed and the school looks very good. Toby and Shannon did a great job.

NH & ILM Facilities update

North Hero Campus

North Hero received furniture and some classroom supplies from ILM School.

The school was set up for the first day, summer cleaning went well.

A security Audit of the building and practices was conducted on august 17th, Amanda and I are waiting for the final report to come in and then we will review the recommendations.

Isle La Motte Campus:

We moved a bunch of classroom furniture and supplies down from ILM to be used at North Hero. I delivered some Tables and chairs which were donated by the Town of North Hero to the Town of ILM for their use as the tables and chairs were brought to North Hero School.

Dear CIUUSD Board,

I would like to request leave from my teaching position for the birth and care of my newborn child. The leave would be from August 26, 2022 - November 21, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Lovejoy

Grand Isle School Kindergarten