

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Minutes

Board Present: Brad Blanchette, Tim Maxham, Ryan Latimer, Bob Chutter, Sylvia Jensen, Whitney Maxham (joined 6:40 p.m.)

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Megan Grube, Nick DeVita, Dave Brisson

Public Present: LCATV, JP Routhier

Call to Order

1. Call to Order and Introductions - Brad Blanchette called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Adjust the Agenda - Michael Clark would like to give a hiring update under 10 - other.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - none

4. Consent Agenda -

i. Approve the minutes from 7/26/2022 - Bob Chutter motions to approve the minutes as presented, Tim Maxham seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

ii. New hire

Special educator - Nicole Howrigan-Fehr - Tim Maxham motions to approve the superintendent's recommendation for hire, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

iii. Resignation - JP Routhier - Tim Maxham motions to move item 9 to after consent agenda, Brad Blanchette seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

9. Routhier request - Michael Clark reviewed the letter provided in the packet. Bob Chutter motions to pay the July and August insurance premiums for 2022, Tim Maxham seconds. Discussion took place regarding the request and the cost associated with the request. All in favor, motion passes.

Sylvia Jensen motions to approve a \$2000 lump sum payment for unused sick time, no second received. Tim Maxham motions to approve a \$2500 lump sum payment for unused sick time, Bob Chutter seconds. Discussion took place regarding the non-union employee handbook. Bob Chutter recommended the motion amended to reflect the payout in recognition of fifteen years of service. Roll vote: Tim Maxham - yes, Ryan Latimer - yes, Bob Chutter - yes, Sylvia Jensen - yes, Whitney Maxham - yes, Brad Blanchette - abstain.

Reports

5. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actual and financial summary report provided in the packet. Rob updated the board on the migration of the uniform chart of accounts - this has affected payroll significantly. Updates to VSTRS have also taken increased time in payroll. PEBT benefit information has also been sent and internal processing is started to complete the reporting. Reimbursements have also been submitted to the AOE. Rob also shared that he will retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Rob thanked the board for their support over the years and expressed appreciation for the team at the Central Office. Michael Clark highlighted Rob's achievements throughout his 6 years of service. The Board thanked Rob for his service. Tim Maxham motioned that the board has received and reviewed the budget to actuals for 22-23 printed August 16, 2022, Bob Chutter seconds, motion passes.

Superintendent & Team Report - Michael Clark shared the written report provided in the packet. Michael highlighted that the GISU app is up and running! Please log in to download the app - it runs in collaboration with the website. Brad Blanchette highlighted the template of the superintendent report to highlight the work towards the goals the board is about to adopt.

Board Business.

6. FY21 Audit Update - Rob Gess shared that audit work continues and is still answering questions. Continue to make progress.

7. Opportunity Blueprint and ESSER Funding Report - Megan Grube shared the [presentation](#) that described the use of the ESSER funds. The presentation linked the goals for the GISU and the Opportunity Blueprint.

8. Adopt Goals - Bob Chutter motions to approve the goals outlined in the document provided in the packet, Ryan Latimer seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

10. Other - Hiring update - Michael Clark reviewed the retirement notification of Rob Gess effective June 30, 2023. Michael asked the board to consider opening the position to internal candidates first and review any internal candidates at the next meeting and decide in September to either pursue an internal candidate or open further. Discussion took place around overlap between Rob Gess and the new Business Manager. The Board agreed to post internally first.

Closure

11. Setting the next agenda - Report out on Summer Programming, update on Business Manager hiring

12. Adjourn - Bob Chutter motions to adjourn, Ryan Latimer seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:13 p.m.