

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
CIUUSD Regular Meeting
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Sylvia Jensen, Nathan Robinson

Admin Present: Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Ashley Hanlon, Amanda Ellison, Megan DeVinny

Public Present: LCATV, Mary Jo McCarthy

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - Mary Jo McCarthy shared information on gun storage safety she would like to distribute.
3. Adjust the agenda - add a request from North Hero concerning use of the school as a shelter
4. Consent Agenda (Action)
 - a. Approve the minutes from 1/3/2023 - Brad Blanchette motions to accept the minutes of January 3, 2023, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's - Michael Clark shared his written report provided in the packet.
 - b. Financial - Rob Gess shared the budget to actuals provided in the packet as well as projected a positive outlook for spending.
 - c. Principal's - Amanda Ellison and Ashley Hanlon shared the written report provided in the packet. They highlighted the data collections happening.
 - d. GISU Board member update - Brad Blanchette shared updates to the board.

Board Business.

7. Basketball update - Michael Clark shared information regarding the chain of events related to the incident at the Alburch basketball game last week and the subsequent events. This included information regarding the decision to bar spectators from the remaining basketball games in the Islands. He highlighted the "We are all participants" movement to be brought to educational athletics.
9. Student Input Opportunities - Michael Inners led the discussion around potential student input mechanisms. The Principals shared that students are not shy about offering input and would gather suggestions from students and staff for consideration.
6. Approval of bills for payment - Sylvia Jensen motions to approve the warrant in the amount of \$811,178.32 and authorize the chair to sign the warrant, all in favor, motion passes.
8. Abbey Group Contract - Rob Gess shared the contract language from the Abbey Group indicating the Abbey Group would need to put the CIUUSD contract out to bid based on their increase in operating costs. Rob has reached out to the AOE to start getting the RFP process started based on the time constraints. We are looking for direction from the board on whether they would like to start the RFP process. Michael Clark highlighted that as initial conversations occurred with the AOE, there was discussion around bringing this in house. Discussion took place around going out to bid; and at the same time pulling together the cost of bringing food service in-house and the impacts on workflow. Nathan Robinson motions to authorize administration to proceed with a food service RFP for the following fiscal year while also researching the potential costs for bringing food service in-house. All in favor, motion passes.
10. FY 24 Budget communication drafts - Megan DeVinny shared updates regarding the budget including that during the drafting of town reports, an error was caught in the mapping of the FY23 budget comparisons. This has no effect on the projected FY24 budget and shows a .86% decrease in expenditures rather than the initial increase projected. Megan shared the drafts of the budget flyers to be

distributed via every door direct. The board made suggestions on the flier and emphasized the need to highlight the negative impact of the CLA on the tax rate. Sylvia Jensen motioned to have the flier go to voters the week of February 22, all in favor, motion passes.

11. March meeting schedule and Board Orientation - Scheduled organizational meeting for March 14th, will have a new board member. One of the goals is to improve the board onboarding process. Michael Inners shared that he has started to pull together resources for new board members. Michael Clark shared he intends to pull together a school board curriculum based on the VSBA information and have a couple Wednesday nights to help onboard new board members. Michael Inners also brought up a mentor program for new board members.

12. Other - Request from North Hero concerning use of the school as a shelter - Michael Clark shared the North Hero school has been available to the community for an emergency shelter. The agreement is expiring. The board gave consensus to move forward to drafting an agreement with the North Hero Town.

Closure

13. Setting the next agenda -

iReady Data presentation, Budget recap - strengths & opportunities for improvement

14. Adjourn - Sylvia Jensen motioned to adjourn, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.