

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Champlain Island Unified Union School District
School Board **Special Meeting**
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Elaine Perry, Brad Blanchette, Sylvia Jensen

Admin Present: Micahel Clark, Amanda Ellison, Ashley Hanlon, Rob Gess

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. Call to Order - Michael Clark called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Board Reorganization -

- **Nomination for Board Chair** - Brad Blanchette motioned to nominate Michael Inners. Elaine Perry seconded. All in favor, nomination approved.
- **Vice Chair** - Sylvia Jensen motioned to nominate Brad Blanchette. Michael Inners seconded. All in favor, nomination approved.
- **Clerk Nomination** - Sylvia Jensen made the motion to nominate Nate Robinson. Brad Blanchette seconded.. All in favor, nomination approved
- **GISU Board Representatives** - Michael Inners motioned to nominate the North Hero and Isle L Motte representatives Brad Blanchette and Sylvia Jensen. Elaine Perry seconded. All in Favor, nomination approved. Brad Blanchette motioned to nominate Michael Inners as the Grand Isle representative, Elaine Perry seconded. All in Favor, nomination approved.

Sylvia Jensen made a motion for the Second Tuesday of the month for CIUUSD Board Meetings at 6pm. All in favor, motion approved

Consensus to schedule retreat at a later date.

Brad Blanchette made a motion to continue the posting agenda at each town clerk's office, school buildings, and the website. All in favor, motion passed.

Elaine Perry made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules for Small Boards - Brad Blanchette seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Regarding email problems and general policies, Michael Clark would like to remind board members that the way GISU communicates is via the GISU email. We don't give our phone numbers. Reminder for Elaine Perry to receive a new GISU email account. Michael Clark highly recommends that members definitely want to use the GISU as an elected official, not using personal emails and being cautious by limiting conversations between emails.

Elaine Perry made a motion to designate the Islanders as the newspaper of choice for board meetings. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard -

- Mike Inners received a written communication from Evie regarding access to the school kitchen.

5. Consent Agenda -

a. Approve the minutes from 2/7/2023

Brad Blanchette made a motion to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Minute taker resignation (Megan DeVinny)

Brad Blanchette made a motion to post for the position of the minute taker at \$100 per meeting following the resignation of Megan DeVinny. All in favor, motion carried.

6.. Reports

a. Financial

Rob Gess brought up the conversation regarding the Food Service RFP - Approved by the agency on March 2nd. April 14th is the due date, and following that the review process is the final two weeks of April. Fresh, Fruit and Vegetable program for the Grand Isle Campus has been approved.

b. Superintendent's - Michael Clark mentioned the 568 to 365 voting report for a budget that was well supported by the community. He was also proud to announce that all positions were filled at the GISU office.

c. Principal's Report -

Amanda Ellison - Added a couple updates across CIUUSD, many events have happened over the past couple months. The facilities updates for North Hero, issues with the dishwasher have been resolved.

Ashley Hanlon- Great events happened in February. The 4th graders learned about healthy food choices and eating the rainbow. Reported that February was down to zero incidents. Kindergarten put on a QU wedding. As a staff they have started to collaborate areas of need in the entire school setting and what it looks like to support each other and in the classroom, should someone come in and observe. Safety inspections revealed areas that need to be improved. Light covers for fluorescent lights, moving furniture away from heating vents, are some things that have already been fixed. Ashley Hanlon and Matt Brouillette met with Grand Isle Fire Assistant Chief Joe Clark to revise the evacuation plan, planned evacuation drill for April.

d. GISU Board member update - AOE accepts our numbers and they owe us additional compensation. Calendar has not been accepted yet, waiting for some community input.

7. Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment (Action) (Chair)

Brad Blanchette has made a motion to warrant the approval of the bill \$863,297.01 to be paid with the duplicates removed. The largest piece is tuition and second largest is health insurance. All in favor, motion approved.

7. iReady Data Presentation (Discussion) (Principals)

Powerpoint presentation 'Trimester 2 Data Shot' presented by Amanda Ellison. DESSA is a social-emotional screener that is put in place this year for all classrooms. Administered by home room teachers. It is an 8 question screener, looking for 8 characteristics. (i.e Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Goal-Directed Behavior, Personal Responsibility, Decision Making, Optimistic Thinking) Student Movement is where we can see where students changed in a descriptive range from first rating window to second rating window. Data included in the presentation show that about 11% of CIUUSD students are flagged as needing intensive support. 89% are performing typically or have SEL strength. We have data and instruction tools to target specific support or instruction.

Powerpoint presentation for I-Ready, English Language Arts 7 Math presented by Ashley Hanlon into the recording. I-Ready assessments opened the day after we returned from holiday break. i-Ready uses median data and not average data. Where we can see how much growth our students see and what it represents in the middle and not the average. Our assessment process is that students are given a grade level question. Based on students' responses, the next question is either a higher or lower difficulty or asks a similar question to determine what a student knows or

has yet to learn. Children will receive periodic 'brain breaks' that are programmed into the assessment providing high interest games that help students stay motivated and persevere. They will continue to answer questions until the assessment determines their instructional level. They do not know at the moment if they are answering correctly or incorrectly. i-Ready is being used for language arts and Mathematics. Additional data is presented in the powerpoint.

8. Island Excavating Donation (Action)(M. Clark)

Brad Blanchette made a motion to accept the donation from Island excavating for the reading garden. Total amounts to **\$3,970**. All in favor, motion approved.

9. Town Meeting Day Review (Discussion) (Chair)

The budget passed a little under 60%. Isle La Motte Campus passed the bill to give up the school and the town to take on the school. No action will be taken until July 1st.

10. New Board Member Orientation (Discussion) (Chair)

Michael Clark is trying to organize a new board member training based on the school board association. He is proposing to use the same document by breaking it down chapter by chapter, suggesting the use of Wednesday virtual meetings. Creating what would essentially be a professional development committee.

The topics would include: Introduction to being a school board member, educational equity, overview of educational governance, effective board operations, common board challenges.

Michael Clark has requested a document for current board members that lists important documents to be aware of and where we can find them. Such as policies etc, other members agreed.

11. Property Transfer (Action) (M. Clark)

This was part of the town meeting day review discussion.

12. Town of Grand Isle Service Charges MOU (Chair)

Michael Inners presented an MOU to the board he drafted based on past discussion of needing an MOU for charges by the Grand Isle Town.

Elaine Perry made the motion to accept the MOU as presented for the CIUUSD Clerk. All in favor, motion approved.

13. 2023-2024 School Calendar (Action)(M. Clark)

Michael Clark discussed the school calendar that has been reviewed by the administration, association and GISU board. It ensures a long weekend in October. Honors the desire of the Abnaki for Children to be in school on Indigenous People Day. It meets the requirements of under statute we have to have 175 common days with the Champlain Valley.

14. Principals' Contracts (Executive Session)

Michael Inners announced that executive session has ended at 10:00 pm.

Michael Inners made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to offer the contract extensions to Amanda Ellison and Ashley Hanlon with the terms discussed. All in favor, motion passes.

Closure

15. Setting the next agenda

Mary Jo McCarthy Request?

Syliva Jensen would add a topic - CLA for discussion purposes.

16. Adjourns - Brad Blanchette made the motion to adjourn at 10:03 pm