

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Minutes

Board Present: Brad Blanchette, Michael Inners, Tim Maxham, Michael Savage, Ryan Latimer, Sylvia Jenson, Whitney Maxham, Bob Chutter

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

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. Superintendent Michael Clark called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **Board Reorganization**

Board Chair - Michael Savage motioned to nominate Ryan Latimer for Board Chair. Tim Maxum motioned to nominate Brad Blanchette for Board Chair. Whitney Maxham seconded Ryan Latimer's nomination. Sylvia Jenson seconded Brad Blanchette's nomination. No further discussion.

Votes for Brad Blanchette included Michael Inners, Tim Maxham, Sylvia Jenson, Bob Chutter, and Brad Blanchette. Total of 5 votes. Votes for Ryan Latimer included Michael Savage, Whitney Maxham, and Ryan Latimer. Total of 3 votes. In favor of Brad Blanchette.

Vice Chair - Bob Chutter motioned to nominate Ryan Latimer. Sylvia Jensen seconded. Brad Blanchette motioned to nominate Tim Maxham. Whitney Maxham seconded. No further discussion. Votes for Tim Maxham included Brad Blanchette with a total of 1 vote. Votes for Ryan Latimer included Michael Inners, Sylvia Jenson, Bob Chutter, Michael Savage, Ryan Latimer, and Tim Maxham with a total of 6, in favor of Ryan Latimer.

Clerk - Tim Maxham motioned to nominate Bob Chutter. Michael Savage seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion passes.

Tim Maxham motioned to meet monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the SU office and via Zoom and a day TBD by discussion. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion.

After some discussion, Tim Maxham motioned to keep the meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Bob Chutter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Michael Inners made a motion to continue the posting of the agenda town clerk's office and school buildings in each town. Tim Maxham seconded the motion. Michael Inners

made a motion to add the posting at the post office. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Maxham made a motion to continue using Robert's Rules for Small Boards with maintaining the second. Ryan Latimer seconded the motion. All favor, motion passed.

Brad Blanchette moved to make a motion that we accept the code of ethics as a board, as the board code of ethics. Tim Maxham seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim Maxham made a motion that Brad Blanchette sign on behalf of the board. Michael Inners seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim Maxham made a motion to continue using the Islander as the Boards official newspaper. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion. Michael Savage and Ryan Latimer voted against the motion. Whitney Maxham, Bob Chutter, Sylvia Jenson, Michael Inners, Tim Maxham, and Brad Blanchette voted for the motion. Motion passed.

Tim Maxham made a motion to nominate Micahel Inners as the representative of the board. Ryan Latimer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard: None present.

4. Consent Agenda (Action)

Approve Minutes: Tim Maxham motioned to approve the minutes from Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Bob Chutter seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Resignations: Ryan Savage. Michael Clark would like to make a motion for the board to allow the board pays Ryan for his unused vacation time. Micahel Inners moved to accept that Ryan Savage be allowed to use his unsubmitted vacation time. Tim Maxham seconded. Michael Savage recused himself from the discussion and a vote. The vote was unanimous at 7 to 0 and the motion passed.

Reports

5. Superintendent & Team Reports

Megan Grube discussed state testing following the training Megan Grube and Nick DeVita attended in South Hero. Learning how to administer the state test. As soon as we get new information from the state, we want to turn it around to train locally. Training videos and new and updated manuals will be provided. Practice tests are available for students. We can then view local data we can push up against and see the growth.

Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum and Technology

Megan Grube summarized her report highlighting much professional learning and decisions made through the GISU. Strengths that included ways we actively engage educators and major decisions on education and curriculum. Acknowledging Jen O'Neill for her work and support with Whit and Wisdom.

Nick DeVita, Director of Student Support Services

Nick DeVita summarized his report that highlights actively supporting kids that need support. Bringing a school psychologist on staff has been a massive help for students, in crisis evaluation/screening. Dylan Stoll has been able to offer one-on-one support to some kids that need more intensive counseling. There has been a significant need to work with families and communities. Additionally, he called attention to the work of DCF and NCSS.

Dave Brisson, IT Director

Dave Brisson provided an update on the GISU IT department's progress on the SU-wide Technology Replacement plan. He spoke about the cloud-based asset system that gives building administrators access to their respective IT device inventories. He described the hardware replacement cycle based on the device's end-of-life date. Administrators are given end-of-life dates of all devices at budget time and use that to build the coming year's budget. Work on the cloud-based asset system should be finalized over the coming summer. He also mentioned the plan to limit the impact of the Chromebook purchases made with Esser funds.

6. Financial (Action)

Rob Gess

Provided information regarding the new hire for accounts payable, Tricia Webb. He discussed the Food Service Management contract that has a due date of April 14th. Special Education Reporting is due by April 15th. Megan DeVinny's transition to Business Manager is going great, training is on track!

Tim Maxham made a motion to review and approve the financials. Micahel Inners seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Board member Michael Savage left the board meeting at 8:10 pm

Board Business:

Megan Grube gave a presentation on iReady. To ensure students' proficiencies are set for each grade level.

Sylvia Jensen made a motion that Superintendent Michael Clark continues to work with the Agency of Education and try to resolve this by Tuesday, noon. If there's no help to resolve or communicate, we direct Michael Clark to contact our legislators to advocate on our behalf. Seconded by Tim Maxham. All in favor, motion passes.

Michael Inners has made a motion to adopt the calendar with the option for the board to reconsider the half day on December 21st. Tim Maxham seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

Michael Inners made a motion to move to an executive session to discuss Central Office Contracts. All in favor, motion passed. 9:38 PM

Closure:

Tim Maxham made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to work within the parameters that have been discussed for the Central Office Contracts. All in favor, motion passed.

Setting the next agenda:

1. Superintendent Michael Calrk has asked to have a conversation about early release days and professional development.
2. Superintendent evaluation process.

Adjourn - Tim Maxham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm.