

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Champlain Islands Unified Union School District
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Minutes

Board Present: Michael Inners, Brad Blanchette, Elaine Perry, Nathan Robinson, Sylvia Jenson
(arrived at 6:15 pm)

Admin Present: Superintendent Michael Clark, Rob Gess, Matt Brouillette, Ashley Hanlon,
Amanda Ellison

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. **Call to Order-** Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. **Adjust the Agenda-** Move the audit engagement letter up, and add a discussion of the model code of ethics. Discuss window and front door replacement.
3. **Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard-**
4. **Consent Agenda -**

Approve the minutes from 03/04/2023, 03/14/2023, and 04/04/2023

Nathan Robinson moved to approve all three sets of minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Resignation: Brian Berlinger, Guidance, Effective 06/30/2023

No action needs to be taken.

New Hire - Eric Noble, Maintenance

Start day of May 1st

5. Reports

Financial -

Food Service RFP

Received a response from The Abbey Group on 4/11, there is one other vendor that asked for a copy provided on March 7th or 9th. No response since the deadline is Friday, April 14th at noon. Then we can view the proposal and representation for the board during the May meeting.

FY 21 Audit Update

Superintendent's

Michael Clark discussed goals for the Supervisory Union. Making sure the CIUUSD board knew that at the last minute, the building transfers were in progress and he reached out to the person who would be conducting the transfers. Most likely 5-6 hours of legal expenses are expected. It has been 30 days since the last voting. The only other update is getting ready for state assessments.

Principal's

Ashley Hanlon highlighted some topics now that we are in the 3rd trimester of the year which started mid-March. Many families attended parent-teacher conferences. The school is in the final iReady diagnosis assessment window. Last week many music students attended the Island Music Festival that Folsom hosted. Next month grade 4-6 students will be able to participate in a rowing regatta on May 3rd. All spring sports are live on the Wildcat athletic page. A lot of community sports will be using GIS facilities, baseball, lacrosse, girls on the run, etc. Additional Grand Isl School updates include that the student council held their first grade 5-6 dance. The Fresh Fruit and Veggies program has been rolled out and is being handed out to home rooms. The school collaborated with Green Mountain Transit regarding safe bus transportation and problem-solving bus routes in the afternoon which initiated a new process. Two OTs in the district came into classrooms to do some assessments. Wrestling wrapped up and was successful. Today 4/11 was the last kindergarten dabble day, and it was a great turnout overall. 5th graders have been greatly patient, kind, and helpful!

Amanda Ellison touched base on additional topics for North Hero. March Starbase Experience for 5th and 6th graders took place. The program involved students working with the National Guard base. The national spelling bee was also in March and one North Hero student representative attended. The school has been tapping maple trees right on the North Hero Property and collected enough syrup boiled down for a little ice cream event. Students went down to Foxhil Maple, South Hero Land Trust, and worked together to learn about sugaring. The school had a bowling spectacular event, which was the first great community-based activity for both students and parents since COVID. North Hero School Dance for grades 4-6 will be held on Saturday, April 15th. Isle La Motte update includes next Saturday the 22nd we will be holding a big giveaway for items in the building to organizations and the public.

GISU Board Member Update

Brad Blanchette would like to discuss the code of ethics and made an option to adopt the code of ethics as a board which was approved. He signed it on behalf of the board. The central office is exploring the option to outsource payroll which could be more financially advantageous to contract out. The bulk of it was the iReady presentation from Megan Grube. A language arts program has been adopted that has been given significant PF and has presented with significant growth.

Board Business

6. Approval of bills for payment (M. Inners)(Action)

Sylvia Jenson moved to approve the total amount of \$270,714.90 and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passed.

Nathan Robinson motioned to approve the Auditor's Engagement Letter and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passed.

7. School Cameras (M. Brouillette)(Possible Action)

Matt Brouillette presented that he's interested in installing Verkada cameras, which is a cloud-based program. The plan would be to install 22 cameras on the entire perimeter, hallways, and gym. The camera system has many great settings, one includes that it can send an alert out to inform who's arriving and it can also track vehicles. Additionally, the program can share feeds with emergency responders in the event of an emergency.

Nathan Robinson makes a motion to approve using the Verkada camera system.

Nathan Robinson amended his motion.

Nathan Robinson motioned to approve the camera system at Grand Isle Elementary School for the dollar amount of \$32,110. Michael Inners abstained. Nathan Robinson, Elaine Perry, Brad Blanchette, and Sylvia Jenson voted for the motion. Motion approved.

Nathan Robinson motioned to approve the camera system at North Hero School for the dollar amount of \$22,900. Michael Inners abstained. Nathan Robinson, Elaine Perry, Brad Blanchette, and Sylvia Jenson voted for the motion. Motion approved

Matt Brouillette is doing more research on improving door and window safety solutions for each school site.

8. Safe Gun Storage Request (M. Inners)(Possible Action)

Mary Joe McCarthy requests that Safe Gun Storage information/newsletter be sent home to parents.

Nathan Robinson made a motion to approve the letter to be sent out as written. Nathan Robinson voted in favor. Elaine Perry, Sylvia Jenson, Brad Blanchette, and Michael Inners voted against the motion.

Brad Blanchette made a motion to send out a single-topic letter. Nathan Robinson voted against the motion. Elaine Perry, Sylvia Jenson, and Brad Blanchette, Michael Inners voted in favor.

Superintendent Michael Clark will get the final copy and present it to the chair prior to distribution.

9. Appointment of Moderator (M. Inners)(Possible Action)

Michael Inners made a motion to post that the CIUUSD is seeking someone who is interested in a moderator position. All in favor, motion passed.

10. Assessment District Information (S. Jensen)(Discussion)

Sylvia Jensen presented an Assessment District Analysis proposal and after discussion, she will bring back more information.

11. FY22 Audit Engagement Letter (M. Clark)(Action)

Brad Blanchette made a motion to adopt the code of ethics as a board and authorized Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board. Brad Blachette voted for the motion. Nathan Robinson, Elaine Perry, Sylvia, and Michael Inners voted against the motion.

12. Snow Day Waiver Request and Makeup Days (M. Clark)(Action)

Michael Inners made a motion to authorize Superintendent Micahel Clark to request a waiver from the state for the student day at Grand Isle School. All in favor, motion approved.

Sylvia Jensen moved to authorize Superintendent Michael Clark to hold professional development days in exchange for snow days that would occur after the last day of school for the students. All in favor, motion approved.

Closure

13. Setting the next agenda

iReady Policy Assessment

Windows and Door Update from Matt Brouillette

14. **Adjournment** - Sylvia Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Minutes Submitted by GISU Assistant, Andrea Santiago