

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Minutes

Board Present: Brad Blanchette, Michael Inners, Sylvia Jensen, Ryan Latimer, Whitney Doremus

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

Public Present: LCATV

Call to Order

1. **Call to Order** - Brad Blanchett called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm
2. **Adjust the agenda** - Discuss board communication from Alburgh Board. Sylvia Jensen made a motion to respond to Brad Blanchette's proposed letter. Michael Inners seconded the motion. Ryan Latimer recused himself. Whitney Doremus, Sylvia Jensen, and Michael Inners voted for. Ryan Lattimer abstained. Motion passed.
3. **Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard**
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve the Minutes: 04/25/2023** - Michael Inners moved to accept the minutes with two amendment changes. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Resignations**
 - i. **Adriana Penalosa-Kirby, Special Educator 6/30/2023**
 - ii. **Sam Bowers, Instructional Coach, 05/17/2023**
 - c. **Contract Extension Request**
 - i. **Mary Cotton** -Whitney Doremus moved to support the extension of the contract for Mary Cotton until Friday, May 26th, 2023. Michael Inners seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Reports

5. Superintendent & Team Report

Superintendent Michael Clark highlighted that the final FY21 audit is uploaded to the clearing house, which the state has acknowledged. Things are progressing well, opportunities for professional development at the end of the year. Math work, implications of Act 173. Safety course with Sheriff's Department and other ideas that are floating around!

Nick DeVita highlighted the multiday training that took place for himself, Ashley Hanlon, and the Special Education team regarding rule changes that will go into effect on July 1st, 2023.

a. Financial

Rob Gess presented his financial summary report and highlighted end-of-year items.

Michael Inners moved that the board received report #33092 from Rob Gess, the Business manager, and have reviewed it. Sylvia Jensen has seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Board Business

6. Early Release Days

Ashley Hanlon discussed the importance of professional development for educators and advocates for Early Release Days so teachers can dive into the curriculum and support all learners and their growth. Sylvia Jensen, Nick DeVita, Megan Grube, and Superintendent Michael Clark had further discussions regarding their thoughts and support of the Early Release Day program. Starting with a pilot of a four-early release day before viewing the data.

Sylvia Jensen motioned that the board supports the leadership team's recommendation for the pilot of four early release days to focus on the implementation of the illustrative math program. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Michael Inners does not support the proposal at this time, bringing up that there could be other alternatives than half days to get teachers their professional development. Whitney Deramus, Sylvia Jensen, and Brad Blanchette voted for the motion. Ryan Latimer and Michael Inners voted against the motion. The motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.

7. FY21 & FY22 Audit Updates

Rob Gess presented the information regarding the FY21 and FY22 audit.

Michael Inners moved that the board acknowledges they received the FY21 audit. Ryan Latimer seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

8. iReady Data

Megan Grube made a presentation on the GISU April iReady Data.

9. Fraud Policy

Second reading of the fraud police. Michael Inners made a motion to adopt the fraud policy as presented. Ryan Latimer seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Investment Policy

Megan DeVinny presented a draft of the Investment Policy.

11. PCB Lawsuit

Brad Blanchette made a motion to sign onto the class action suit against Monsanto.

Whitney Doremus seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

12. Other

Closure

13. Setting the next agenda

- Discuss what has been accomplished toward goals
- First Reading of Investment Policy
- Possible Audit Presentation

14. Adjourn Michael Inners motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Sylvia Jensen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.