

Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
**Champlain Islands Unified Union School District**  
School Board **Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
**Minutes**

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

**Admin Present:** Mike Clark Superintendent, Rob Gess, Ashley Hanlon, Amanda Elison, Megan DeVinny

**Public Present:** Kate Young, LCATV

**Call to Order**

1. **Call to Order** - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Adjust the Agenda**  
Kate Young's request, PCB Lawsuit, approval of nonunion staff contracts, excavating donation
3. **Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard**  
Kate Young has requested 3 or 6 additional credits from the board to complete her master's program. Ashley Hanlon is in support of this request. 9 credits are automatic to the contract, three (or more) other credits need to be approved by the board.  
Brad Blanchette made a motion as we acknowledge Kate Young's 5 years of dedication to GIS and understanding that she hasn't had any professional development during that time, to request approval for the 6 additional credits beyond the contract at 9. All in favor, motion approved.
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approve the minutes from 04/11/2023, Brad Blanchette made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. All in favor, motion approved.
5. **Reports**
  - a. **Financial**  
Rob Gess presented that we got the Public Safety Department Grant to offset the boiler system cost, and it has been applied. Noticing we are under budget for the year, tuition rates are higher than budgeted for. But offset by savings. Megan DeVinny sent out the end-of-the-year letter. Rob Gess started closing down books for the year. Final PBT Data submission is due soon, we have one more to go that'll cover February till May 11th. Additionally, we have a summer EBT program, a \$120 benefit that will be distributed to families.
  - b. **Superintendent's**  
Superintendent Michael Clark highlighted the FY21 audit. FY22 audit to be on track. It is Teacher Educator Appreciation Week! Equity in Education meeting with Megan, and Nick during the weekly Superintendents meeting. Michael Clark answered questions regarding unpaid leave as we continue to see challenges. He mentioned that he's working with Erin Dye on a process for the next fiscal year.

**c. Principal's**

**Amanda Ellison**

Amanda Ellison highlighted that state assessments are going on, working through technical issues. Dealing with new terms has been a work-through but is going smoothly. Rowing Regatta happened at Grand Isle School. In April the annual school dance took place, as well as a field trip to Spare Time, and Bike Week! Work continues on the cleanout of materials at Isle La Motte School from April 22nd, a lot of stuff did go. There is a set of before and after photos to view. The new lights in the gym were installed!

**Ashley Hanlon**

Ashley Hanlon highlighted that the biggest event was the PBIS celebration where kids went to Spare Time. 5th and 6th graders were invited by the USDA world division, a gentleman from Savage Farm is putting in a methane digester. It's important to get a student's perspective on what it means for the farming community. Students and staff were interviewed, and a mini-press conference took place. The evacuation plan was finalized and the drill was successful. Lastly, Dan Foster the PE teacher had asked about upgrading the existing rock wall. The thought was that if it was more suitable for all age ranges that it could be used year-round for summer programs, PE classes, and team building. It would require Dan Foster to be certified. Options were explored and discussed with Megan Grube. To add onto the existing rock wall on one side to make it taller, it would need to come to the board for approval. 25k addition to raise the right side of the wall, up to 40 feet. Eric Noble started and has been super helpful, assisting Matt Brouillette with tasks that need to be done. He has been a great addition!

**Board Business**

**6. GISU Board Member Update**

**7. Approval of Bills for Payment**

Elaine Perry made the motion to approve the bill of payment in the amount of 666,501.60 which is primarily tuition. All in favor, motion passed.

**8. Rock Wall Approval for ESSER**

Brad Blanchette has made the motion for the Board to support the use of 25K in ESSER funds for the rock wall. All in favor, motion passed.

**9. Final FY 21 Audit**

Sylvia Jensen moved to accept the audit. All in favor, audit accepted.

**10. Food Service Management Contract**

Brad Blanchette moved to accept The Abbey's bid for the upcoming fiscal year programs with the adjustment of the management fee. All in favor, motion carried.

**11. Camera Policy**

There was a discussion regarding the safety of recordings and cloud-based security.

**12. Fraud Policy**

**13. Investment Policy**

**14. Support Staff Contracts**

Michael Inners made the motion to sign off as a board on the Support Staff Contracts and for Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion carried.

Brad Blanchette made the motion to direct Superintendent Michael Clark to set the contract at a 5 percent increase for non-union. All in favor, motion passed.

**15. Assessment District**

Sylvia Jensen shared a proposal. Superintendent Michael Clark will work on a pitch with Sylvia Jensen to present to the board.

**16. Building Transfers****17. North Hero School Emergency Shelter Agreement**

Brad Blanchette moved to authorize Michael Inners to sign the proposal on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passed.

**18. Other**

Brad Blanchette made a motion to join the class action suit and authorize Superintendent Michael Clark to sign the necessary paperwork on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passed.

Sylvia Jensen has made a motion to send a donation acknowledgment letter to Island Excavation. All in favor, motion passed.

**Closure****19. Setting the Next Agenda**

- a. iReady Data Presentation
- b. Summer Retreat Planning
- c. Fraud Policy
- d. Investment Policy
- e. Building Transfer Update
- f. Assessment Pitch

**20. Adjournment** Sylvia Jensen motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm