

Champlain Islands Unified Union School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 6:00-8:00 pm
Minutes

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

Administration: Lisa Ruud Superintendent, Ashley Hanlon, Amanda Ellison, Megan DeVinny

Public: Brittny Mee

Call to Order

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** - Michael Inners called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, at the GISU Office
2. **Adjust the agenda** - Negotiation Committee changes will be added to the board business. Brad Blanchette asked that he would like to clarify choices with the budget, if not at this time then at another meeting.
3. **Citizens or Staff to be Heard** - No Citizens or Staff to be heard
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Meeting Minutes 1.14.25**
 - b. **20250128 - CIUUSD Special Meeting**

Elaine Perry moved to approve both minutes. Two were in favor, and one abstained. Motion passed.

Board Business

5. **Principal's Report**

Ashley Hanlon started with the principal's report for the Grand Isle School. Amanda Ellison then provided her report for North Hero School.

Ashley Hanlon requested permission to accept a donation for gym equipment. Brad Blanchette made a motion to accept the gift of gym equipment. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

6. **Financial Report**

Megan DeVinny provided the financial report before the board.

7. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Lisa Ruud gave the Superintendent's Report before the board.

- a. Board approval to negotiate the principal contract

Brad Blanchette moved to approve Superintendent Lisa Ruuds request to start the process of contract negotiation for the principal and to go into Executive Session at the next meeting. No further discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

Elaine Perry motioned to approve the staff request for 5 additional unpaid leave. All in favor, motion carried.

8. **Board Secretary**

Michael Inners wanted to discuss the option of hiring a part-time Board Secretary. Brad Blanchette made a motion to post a position for a stipend, part-time, board secretary. All in favor, motion approved.

9. **Transportation**

Sylvia Jensen arrived at the board meeting.

10. **GISU Lease**

Michael Inners would like to amend the lease so it covers the area the GISU is using for office space. Information will be gathered for a future board meeting.

11. **Follow Up Communication of Budget**

Brittney Mee asked if there would be two 1st-grade teachers budgeted for next year. The board answered her question. They also discussed Communications for the budget.

12. **Payment of Bills**

Brad Blanchette moved to recommend the district pay the bill in total \$39,374.17 and authorize Michael Inners to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor, motion passed.

Michael Inners discussed the Negotiating Committee. Michael Inners motioned to appoint Sylvia Jensen as a new member and Michael Inners to continue on the negotiating committee as support staff. All in favor, motion passed.

Executive Session

13. **Placeholder if needed

Closure

14. **Setting Future Agenda** - Brad Blanchette motioned to adjourn the meeting. All in favor the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.