

Grand Isle Supervisory Union - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 · 6:30 – 8:30pm

GISU Central Office Conference Room

6441 US Route 2, North Hero, VT 05474

📅 Grand Isle Supervisory Union - Regular Meeting - 2026/02/24 18:21 EST - Recor...

Board Members: Bob Chutter, Sylvia Jensen, Michael Inners, Whitney Doreumus, Whitney Maxham, Tim Maxham, Jenn Fenn (joined at 6:45 pm)

Administration: Superintendent Lisa Ruud

Public:





Agenda

Call to Order

1. Call to Order and Introductions - Bob Chutter called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Adjustments to the agenda -
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard - No Citizens and/or staff to be heard
4. Approval of minutes: 📄 GISU - Meeting Minutes - 1.27.26
(07:15)Tim Maxham made a motion to accept the minutes once the amendment is made. Sylvia Jensen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports/Discussion

5. Financial Summary 📄 02.24.2026 GISU FMR.pptx
6. Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Lisa Ruud reviewed the Superintendent's Report before the board.
 - a. State House Testimony 📄 Chutter Senate Ed Testimony Feb 13 2026.pdf
📄 Testimony LCR
 - b. School Visits
 - c. [Vermont State Report Card School Year 2024-2025](#)
 - d. Food Service RFP presentation postponed to March meeting
7. Policy Updates (L.Ruud)
 - a. Wellness Policy Update
 - i. Current Policy [C9- Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy](#)
 - ii. First read of [Model Policy](#)
📄 Key Differences between Current GISU Wellness Policy and ...
 - b. Policy work moving forward
 - i. Recommend Establishing a Committee after Boards Reorganize
 - ii. 📄 VSBA Model Policies and Info.xlsx

- iii.  GISU Policy Audit.xlsx
 - iv.  List of Model Policies - updated 10_21_2025.pdf
8. Teachers Contract Negotiations Update
 9. Support Staff Contract Negotiations Update
 10. Superintendent Evaluation Update
 11. Payment of Bills
 - a. Meeting Warrant
 - i. Voucher 1142 (2/24/26) \$ 209,502.01
 GISU Voucher 1142 Cover Sheet 02242026.pdf
 - b. Off-Meeting Warrant
 - i. Voucher 1134 (2/12/26) \$ 384,623.95
 GISU Voucher 1134 Cover Sheet 02122026.pdf

Michael Inners moved to approve voucher 1142 in the total of \$ 209,502.01 and voucher 1134 in the total of \$ 384,623.95. Seconded by Sylvia Jensen. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Setting GISU Board Goals (B.Chutter)(Discussion-Action)
 - a. *"By June 30, 2026, the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Board, in collaboration with the Alburgh, CIUUSD, and South Hero member districts, will develop and submit a formal reorganization proposal to the Agency of Education. This proposal shall outline the transition to a single Unified Union School District that preserves the operation of local Island schools and high school choice, and ensures fiscal stability under Act 73."*

Sylvia Jensen made a motion that the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Board approve by June 30th, 2026. The Grand Supervisory Union Board in collaboration with the Alburgh, Champlain Islands Unified Union School District, and South Hero Member districts, will develop and submit a formal reorganization proposal to the agency of education. This proposal should outline the transition to a single unified union school district that preserves the operation of local island schools and high school choice and ensures fiscal stability under act 73. Tim Maxham seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

13. Superintendent Contract Extension

Bob Chutter mentioned that based on the parameters the board gave a month ago, they would like to recommend an extension for Superintendent Lisa Ruud's Contract by one year, with a 4% increase for that extended year.

(02:02:20)Tim Maxham made the motion to recommend Bob Chutter to sign the contract with terms as stated for an extension of one more year with a 4% increase. Seconded by Michael Inners. All in favor, motion passed unanimously

14. Honoring Outgoing Board Members

The board wanted to honor Brad Blanchette's contribution to the GISU board. Along with current chair, Bob Chutter.

15. Upcoming Events
16. Setting the next agenda

Executive Session:

17. *Executive session is reserved for board discussion of topics of which “premature general public knowledge would clearly place the board or person involved at a substantial disadvantage.” Any actions are taken outside the executive session. Move to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)
(1) after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage*
 - a. *Contracts*

Closure

18. Adjournment - (02:10:43) Sylvia Jensen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Whitney Maxham. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.