

1 GRAND ISLE SCHOOL BOARD
2 MEETING MINUTES
3 Monday, January 10, 2010
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5 **Board attending:**

6 Herbert Durfee, III, Beverly Gover, Michael Inners, Peg Burbo and Mitch
7 McGrath.
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9 **Others in attendance:**

10 Troy Nolan-Watkins, Principal, Karen Groseclose, GISU
11 Members of the public and staff: Christine Kimball, Colleen Trouville, Bill
12 Kennedy, Heather Larose, Gary Marckres, Mike Talbot, Jeff Valley, Deena Waters,
13 Roberta Mitchell, Cathie Larson, John Gavin, Lauren Bartlett, Teri Geney, Cathy
14 Dubuque, Ken Mann, Jeff Dickie, Bill Butler and Marshall Phillips.
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16 **Proceedings:**

17 HD called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
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19 **Adjustment of Agenda:** HD – GISU meeting follow up; update on Richard
20 Taylor’s letter; Exec Session – add personnel/contractual matter.
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22 **Approval of Minutes:** At 7:05 p.m. HD made a motion to approve the minutes
23 of December 27, 2010 as drafted, 2nd by BG – GC.
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25 **Members of the Public – For Items Not on the Agenda:** None.
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27 **FY12 Budget – Public Hearing -** HD explained 6.68% increase in
28 expenses; revenue; ed spending \$4,094,800 or 5.3% increase in spending; explained
29 mandatory vs. discretionary expenses; lines 25-40 – homestead tax rate % change is
30 4.93%; non-homestead 1.47% change. What’s in the budget? Best known information of
31 what we know; anticipates all existing staff plus one elementary teacher (back to two
32 Octobers ago); put back to par; reduce aid; keep 5th grade out of middle school in self-
33 contained class.

34 K. Mann asked what student to teacher ratio is – HD indicated that there are 216
35 students for 11 teachers which is 19.34 students per teacher.

36 The budget reflects that the new aid was taken out; deferred maint. – last year
37 budgeted \$19,400 and spent almost \$10,000 more; budgeting \$50,000 which is \$30,100
38 increase (\$15,000 deferred).

39 Secondary tuition – 12th grade is 12 students less than 8th grade going into high
40 school.
41 \$65,076 – Grand Isle proportion of \$19M coming to the State of Vermont. Net
42 impact similar to carry forward surplus - .02 cents effect on tax rate or 1.66%.
43 Opened up to the public at 7:45 p.m. – schedule is public informational meeting
44 the evening of February 28, with a vote on March 1. January 17 is the drop-dead date for
45 the Board to have a budget prepared.
46 K. Mann asked what the expense increase per teacher on contract was – HD
47 responded 1.5% increase for current year; only a step increase for next year’s budget;
48 four-town contract; HD explained results of negotiations – Average % increase is 3.43%
49 for 2012.
50 M. Talbot – Wanted to say thank you to the board for adding a teacher, would
51 they be in elementary part? Yes.
52 G. Marckres – Thanked the Board for adding a teacher in elementary also.
53 C. Dubuque noticed Title I is going down and wanted to know why – HD
54 explained that Title I is state funding, we are receiving less, as we received significant
55 funds from ARRA.
56 HD closed the public hearing at 8:25 p.m.
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58 **Superintendent’s Report:** None.

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60 **Principal’s Report:** TW distributed the four-town teachers’ contract.

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62 **Board Discussion:** GISU meeting follow up – we should hear from the
63 Commissioner to see if he invokes his two-week privilege regarding RT.

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65 **Executive Session:** At 8:32 p.m. HD made a motion to enter into executive
66 session for a personnel/contract matter, 2nd by BG – GC.

67 At 8:55 p.m. HD made a motion to move out of executive session, 2nd by BG –
68 GC. No action.

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70 **Board Action:** At 8:58 p.m. MI made a motion to pay bills in the amount of
71 \$168,184.05 and 2nd by MM – GC. At 9:35 p.m. HD made a motion to go with the
72 budget as proposed at \$5,103,763 and 2nd by BG; PB left the meeting at approximately
73 9:06 p.m. before the vote; MI and MM do not support; BG and HD do support. Motion
74 failed. MI wants clarity on numbers. If members have any ideas, please e-mail them
75 before the meeting on Monday, January 17.

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77 **Agenda Building:** Executive Session – personnel contract, approve FY12
78 budget to be put before the voters; bills for payment.

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80 **Board Correspondence/Sharing:** None.

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82 At 9:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn by BG – GC

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