

# MINUTES

**Gorham, Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board  
Building Committee Tuesday February 21, 2006  
GMHS Library**

**NOTE: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BUILDING COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

**Building Committee Present:** Ben Mayerson, Robert Demers, John Carpenter, Reed Leberman, Kathleen Kelley, Dennis Pednault, Jean Tremblay, Conrad Deutsch,

**Staff Present:** Pauline Plourde, Keith Parent, Paul Bousquet, Dave Goyette

Ben Mayerson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Robert Demers moved that the minutes from February 7, 2006 be accepted as presented. Reed Leberman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in Favor.**

Ben reported the remaining balance of the Building Committee's FY 05-06 budget is \$14,918.20.

Ben reviewed the proposals received per our RFP for assistance with the planning of the GMHS and Ed Fenn building projects. He suggested that the one thing we have learned is to look at the value and comprehensive services, not necessarily the money. Six firms (Banwell Architects, Frank P. Marinance, David Provan, Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, and VIC Construction Consultants) sent proposals indicating that they were interested in helping the district plan the next phases of the building project. Tim Sappington is interested in participating in the project in some smaller way.

Patrick Low, Superintendent is developing a form for evaluating the proposals. Dennis suggested that the team set priorities for evaluating proposals. Some of the ideas were:

- School Experience
- Food Service Experience
- Analytical Services Offered
- Public Relations Experience
- Renovation versus building new experience
- Facilitation of project Experience
- Ability to be at meetings in this area.

John Carpenter suggested that we have a special meeting next Tuesday just to review the RFP's at 6:30 pm in the FRC Board Room.

The District Meeting presentation was discussed. The planned press release was in the paper this week. The second press release will be next week about funding the building project. A third one is almost ready to go summarizing the Building Committee Report.

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The Power Point presentation, which was shown at the GRS Budget Hearing, may or may not be shown at the District Meeting, but a packet based on the Power Point will be distributed. Bob suggested sending a bulk mailing to voters about the building conditions and the process the Building Committee has followed to this point. John Carpenter suggested that the School Board should decide about mailings.

Pauline Plourde said that the consultants have been impressed by all of the studies that Gorham School Board has commissioned. Now they suggest is the time to bring the puzzle together through the consultants' experience. Ben noted that not every system in the GMHS has been studied. Bob and Reed noted that this money requested in warrant #8 is not only for more studies but rather for a compilation of studies and then engineering and architectural work to solve the problems. Ben said the public needs to know that there are things to be done whether we have a building project or not.

We reviewed and discussed the entire handout questionnaire. After lengthy discussion and some amending, we agreed to send it to the School Board with the recommendation that it be considered as a mailing. It will need to be reformatted, so that it reads well, and is economical to mail. The Committee also agreed to authorize the Board to use the Building Committee's budget to duplicate and mail out the handout. We authorized a "reasonable amount" be spent, not to exceed \$1000. Pauline felt it could be done in the range of \$500 (+/-).

**Katie moved and Jean seconded the motion to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes. All were in favor.**

We recommend that the board mail this document out ASAP, in the format they feel most appropriate.

Ben asked who was interested in going to the NESF Conference in April. Reed said he was interested in one day. Dave was interested in the second day. The Committee thought that Dave should go as part of the regular school budget.

**Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm at the FRC.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by John Carpenter and seconded by Jean Tremblay.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm**