

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School District
Building Committee Meeting
June 8, 2006, 6:30 pm
Gorham Middle High School Library

Present:

Building Committee: Ben Mayerson, chair; Reed Leberman; Conrad Deutsch; Jean Tremblay*; Craig Burcalow; Kathleen Kelley* (* - also on Cooperative School Board)

Cooperative School Board: Angela Brown; Anne Hill; Donna Goodrich (6:40 pm); Jo Carpenter (6:40 pm); Michelle Cormier (6:45 pm); Karen Cloutier (7:40 pm)

Administration: Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator; Keith Parent, Principal – Gorham Middle High School; David Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator; Paul Bousquet, Principal – Edward Fenn School; Patrick Low, Superintendent – SAU #20 (6:40 pm)

I. **Call to order** by Ben Mayerson at 6:32pm

II. **Approval of minutes of 5/16**

Motion: R. Leberman motion to approve the minutes of 5/16 as amended.

C. Deutsch seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: all approve; motion carried.

III. **Public Forums**

a. Review/Comment

Some concerns were shared young parents are not attending the meetings regarding a service that they will be paying for. It was suggested that the Student Council might want to be contacted. It was also shared that mailings are a way to get out information, as well as going to different groups and holding meetings on weekends. Daycare for the June 12th meeting is still being worked through, although it is a bit late to get information out to the public.

Motion: K. Kelley made a motion to allow payment of \$5.00/hour for up to 3 hours of childcare out of the Building Committee budget.

C. Burcalow seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: all approve; motion carried.

It was recommended to modify the ad to state that childcare is available.

75 handouts will be prepared to include the following: demographics, timeline and process for moving forward for March 2007, and a NEASC letter which Mr. Parent will prepare.

b. Preparation for June 12/David Laurin

Mr. Laurin met Monday with Paul Bousquet, Keith Parent, Pauline Plourde, Chad Miller, and Ben Mayerson and gave a rendition of the presentation that is being planned for June 12th.

iii. Conclusion

Should we stay on site or go off site? In David's opinion, staying on site is feasible. With modification, this could be accomplished as there is value in the 1924 section of the building, which has the library and gym. The science section, built in 1958, would be demolished, along with the cafeteria and kitchen. The Ann Lary wing, which contains the Music Room and Industrial Arts area is in decent shape, but better use could be made of the land with a possible two story addition. It will cost more in the long run if the building is fully demolished. Administration could be relocated to one central location. There would be a demolition area of 10,000 – 16,000 square feet, with 90,000 – 100,000 square feet of program area at GMHS. The plan would be for an addition of 45,000 square feet of new area, and the rest of the areas would be renovated.

Dave Laurin stated he would advocate for architectural improvements for the front of the building; potential design solutions were briefly discussed.

D. Goodrich left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

In the spatial study, some spaces have been removed; others have been added such as the cafetorium. A similar net effect from the start will be seen with modifications and input from the public.

By the end of the summer/beginning of school year, it is anticipated that we would again reach out to the communities with design solutions and associated costs, based on the input recently garnered.

A Building Committee meeting is scheduled for June 15th, and a joint meeting with the Board, on June 20th to formulate a recommendation to the School Board. The Cooperative Board would meet on June 21st and again on June 27th.

Abandoning off site options was questioned, but Ben stated that the Committee has not currently made that decision, although the architect after review is making the recommendation to remain on-site.

The group was reminded **to speak with one voice** to the public and avoid any unilateral messages, which clouds the entire message. Ben, as Chair of the Building Committee and Jo as Chair of the Coop have been selected to be the spokespeople for the project.

Motion by Jean Tremblay to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.
Seconded by Craig Burcalow
Motion approved; meeting adjourned.

Pauline Plourde/jt
bwm