

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board  
Tuesday, May 16, 2006  
GMHS Music Room

**Board Members present:** Angela Brown, Jo Carpenter, Karen Cloutier, Michelle Cormier, Donna Goodrich, Anne Hill, Jay Holmes, Kathleen Kelley, Paul Partenope, Jean Tremblay

**Administration present:** Patrick Low, Superintendent; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator; Paul Bousquet, Ed Fenn principal; Keith Parent, GMHS principal

**Public:** Alice Evankow, policy committee chair; Ben Mayerson, building committee chair; John Carpenter

II. The Cooperative Board met jointly with the Building Committee from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (See building committee minutes of May 16, 2006)

III. Jo Carpenter called the meeting to reconvene at 9:13 p.m.

IV. Alice Evankow, policy committee chair, shared proposed changes to policies BEA and BEDA. Policy BEA concerns scheduling of meetings and attendance of board members. The committee's recommendations were to have the board create a schedule of meetings each year at the organizational meeting of the Board, and to change the attendance paragraph to clarify "regular" board meetings as well as clarifying "30% unexcused absences in a 12 month period." The committee also shared that the SAU office is gathering wording from the policies of other cooperatives to see how they compare to the current wording in BEA. That information will be shared at the next cooperative meeting on May 31. During the discussion, it was suggested that "to be reviewed at the discretion of the Board" be added after the sentence about creating a schedule of meetings.

**Motion by Jean Tremblay to accept the first reading of BEA as amended; seconded by Kathleen Kelley. 9 in favor, Anne Hill, abstained, motion passed.**

Policy BEDA addresses the posting of meetings in the three towns of the cooperative. As the policy has been put into practice it has proven unrealistic to always post in two places in Shelburne (the dump is sometimes only open on weekends) and in Randolph as well (Lowe's Store does not have email or fax and postings have to be mailed or driven there.) The committee recommended changing the wording to a "minimum of one" and including the address for the SAU website.

However, Pauline reported that according to the RSAs, a meeting must be posted in two places in the town in which the meeting will occur. It was suggested that the specific locations of the postings be added to the policy as well as including the website as a posting site, because the website does count as a posting site.

**Jean Tremblay moved to accept the first reading of BEDA as amended, seconded by Donna Goodrich; all were in favor, motion passed.**

IV. Jo Carpenter asked for a board member to serve on the building committee; please let her know by the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Jo also reported that an ad has been placed in the newspaper to request applications for the two seats open on the board.

**V. At 9:45 p.m. Jean Tremblay moved to adjourn, seconded by Donna Goodrich; all were in favor, motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Brown