

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
Minutes of Meeting
Randolph Town Hall, 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Jean Tremblay, Anne Hill, Greg Corrigan, Angela Brown, Chairman Jo Carpenter, Michelle Cormier, Paul Partenope, Kathleen Kelley, Donna Goodrich, Reed Leberman

Late Arrival: Jay Holmes arrived at 8:25 pm

Student members: none

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator; Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Director of Special Services; Keith Parent, Principal GMHS; Bill Kaczynski, Assistant Principal GMHS; Karen Cloutier, Principal Ed Fenn; Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator

Public: Lynn Hunt, Ben Mayerson, Martha Sappington

Press: Gail Scott

- I. Call to Order: Jo Carpenter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm
- II. Approval of November 21, 2006 and December 6, 2006 minutes (Action):

Motion made by Michelle Cormier to accept the public minutes of both the November 21, 2006, and the December 6, 2006 meeting with changes identified in the discussion. Motion was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor; motion passes.

III. Public Comments (Information): none

IV. Written Communication (Information/Discussion/Action)

- a. Request to Change Assistant Treasurer (info/Discussion/Action):
 - i. Written communication in packet from Don King, Treasurer, requesting School Board approval to request that Patricia Flynn replace Pearl Ray as assistant treasurer.

Motion made by Donna Goodrich to accept the appointment of Patricia Flynn to replace Pearl Ray as Assistant Treasurer. Motion seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor, motion passes.

- b. Gift Cards:
 - i. The School Board received thank you notes from the Gorham Middle School staff, the Lunch Bunch, and Diane Vaillancourt, EFS paraprofessional.
 - ii. Paul Bousquet noted that the staff was very appreciative of the gift cards.
 - iii. Jo Carpenter thanked Angela Brown for the work that went into obtaining the gift cards and personalizing each one.

V. Building Committee Update (Information/Discussion):

- a. Building Committee Chairman, Ben Mayerson updated the School Board with regard to proposed changes in building designs for Edward Fenn and

Gorham Middle High School. Discussion ensued regarding aspects of the building design.

- b. Jo Carpenter identified three options for the School Board to consider:
 1. accept the Building Committee's proposed budget of \$24 million;
 2. direct the Building Committee to decrease the bottom line, realizing that with this directive that additional cuts will affect programs;
 3. look at a "Two Tier" Warrant Article:
 - Tier #1: The 1st warrant article would be under \$20,000,000 which would include work on GMHS, plus whatever has to be done to the EFS to be sure that the structure and kids are safe;
 - Tier #2: The 2nd warrant article would consist of the remainder of the proposed budget which would amount to between \$4,000,000 – \$5,000,000 and would include the gym at the EFS.
- c. Paul Bousquet agrees that the third option may be the most viable;
- d. Bonding scenarios and tax impact were distributed and discussed for \$18M, \$20M, and \$22M.
- e. Discussion ensued regarding the idea of a "Two Tier" Warrant Article and the pros and cons to be considered with presenting the building project as a "Two Tier" Warrant Article.
- f. Donna Goodrich suggested that the building committee check with the Colebrook School District regarding a unique approach that they used to get a bond passed for a new high school.

Motion was made by Michelle Cormier to look at a Two Tier Warrant Article. The 1st warrant article would include work on GMHS, plus those parts of the EFS to be sure that the structure and kids are safe at a cost of less than \$20,000,000; For Tier 2, the second Warrant Article will be for the balance of the work recommended by the Building Committee; Motion seconded by Jean Tremblay; 7 in favor; 3 opposed (Angela Brown, Kathleen Kelley, Paul Parteno), motion passes.

VI. Principals' Report (Information /Discussion/Action)

- a. EFS:
 - i. Principal Karen Cloutier:
 1. Karen Cloutier made reference to her monthly report included in the School Board packet. Under the heading **Talent Show**, she noted that Alex Couch was a participant and should be added to the list of participants in the show.
- b. GMHS:
 - i. Principal Keith Parent:
 1. Program of Studies:

Kathleen Kelley made a motion to accept the GMHS Program of Studies. Motion was seconded by Donna Goodrich; 10 in favor; 1 abstained (Reed Leberman), motion passes.

2. Students at GHS were given the opportunity to vote on the diploma options outlined by the School Board last month and they would like to have a board member from each of the three towns sign the diploma. Keith Parent said that he liked this option as well.

Jean Tremblay made a motion to accept Keith Parent's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor; motion passes.

3. Results from the Follow the Child's "My Voice Student Report" were highlighted. Keith Parent discussed various highlights in the report and ways which the data would be used.
4. Paul Bousquet made nominations for the following positions: Christine Lemoine - Guidance Curriculum Coordinator; Todd Lamarque – Science Department Head

Greg Corrigan made a motion to accept the nominations made by Paul Bousquet. Motion seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor; motion passes.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Budget 2007-08 Warrants/Capital Reserve Accounts (Info./Discussion/Action)
- b. Drug Court (Information)
- c. Board Self Evaluation (Information/Discussion):
 - i. Executive Committee will compile the individual board member's self-evaluation and superintendent evaluation;
 - ii. Paul Bousquet will send a copy of the "official" evaluations to board members;
 - iii. Jo Carpenter asked board members to email or drop evaluation off at the SAU 20 office no later than January 3, 2007.
- d. Superintendent Evaluation(Information/Discussion)
- e. Mission GRS Cooperative(Information/Discussion):
 - i. Paul Bousquet noted that the SAU Mission Statement has been crafted. The next step will be for individual boards to develop their own mission statements. Paul will email the SAU Mission Statement and ideas to Board Members.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Financial Report 2006-2007 (Information):
 - i. Projected fund balance of \$117,401

- IX. Special Education Director's Report (Information): Becky Hebert-Sweeny noted that the Special Services monthly report is in the School Board packet and that she was available for questions.
- X. Maintenance Director's Report (Information):
- a. Dave Goyette thanked the School Board for the Gift Cards on behalf of the custodians;
 - b. Paul Bousquet commended Dave Goyette for his monthly staff meetings;
 - c. Paul Bousquet requested a motion from the School Board to put the 1996 school bus out to bid.

Jean Tremblay made a motion to put the 1996 school bus out to bid. Motion was seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor; motion passes.

- XI. Policy Committee Update (Information/Discussion/Action):
Paul Partenope reviewed policy changes and completed 1st reading of and 3rd reading of
- a. Policies EBB, EBC, ECAB 1st Reading (Info/Discussion/Action):

Jean Tremblay made a motion to accept the 1st reading of Policies EBB, EBC, ECAB. Motion was seconded by Jay Holmes; 10 in favor; 1 abstained (Donna Goodrich)
 - b. Policies EB, EID, EDCA-R Appendix 3rd Reading (Info/Discussion/Action):

Paul Partenope made a motion to accept Policies EB, EID, EDCA-R Appendix as amended. Motion seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor; motion passes.

- XII. Non Public Session (Information/Discussion/Action):

Motion to enter non-public under RSA 91-A : 311(A & C): at 10:10 p.m. by Kathleen Kelley; seconded by Donna Goodrich; roll call vote: Reed Leberman, yes; Anne Hill, yes; Greg Corrigan, yes ; Jay Holmes, yes; Jean Tremblay, yes ; Michelle Cormier, yes ; Donna Goodrich, yes ; Kathleen Kelley, yes ; Angela Brown, yes ; Jo Carpenter, yes ; Paul Partenope, yes

- a. Student Issues
- b. Negotiations

Motion to exit Non Public Session at 10:05 pm by Jean Tremblay ; second by Greg Corrigan – all in favor.

Motion by Kathleen Kelley; second by Jean Tremblay to accept the Teachers' Negotiated Contract for a three-year period as presented with the first year's increase at \$81,998 or 3.24% new money ; 2nd year estimate at

\$68,490 or 2.62% new money and 3rd year estimate at \$73,720 or 2.79% of new money for a three-year average of 2.88%. Vote on motion, 9 in favor ; 2 abstain (Greg Corrigan and Donna Goodrich).

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Discussion/Action)

XIV. Next meeting Tuesday January 16, 2007-6:30pm-Shelburne Town Hall

XV. Other

XVI. Adjournment – Motion by Jean Tremblay; second by Greg Corrigan to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. – all in favor.