

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 7:30pm
Minutes of Meeting

Edward Fenn Elementary School

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

Absent: Jay Holmes

Late Arrival: Anne Hill at 8:15 pm

Student members: None

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

Public: Wendy Mayerson, Minute Taker

Press: Gayle Scott

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 7:37 pm.

II. Public Comments

None.

III. Adoption of Budget and Warrant Articles 2007 - 2008

The Board was informed that the bond hearing had to be moved to the 15th of February, with a School Board meeting to be held directly after that.

Board members discussed the possibility of moving the March 20th meeting since it is the night before the district meeting. The Board agreed to make a decision about the March 20th meeting at the next meeting on February 15th.

The process of the combination bond and budget hearings, along with a School Board meeting was explained.

Pauline then showed a draft of the PowerPoint presentation for the March 21st District meeting.

Various suggestions were made on how to edit slides to make them easier to see, maintain consistency, add/decrease information presented on a slide, and correct a few typographical errors. A suggestion was made to add "only when" instead of "if" to the wording, describing the process of progressing to Article 3, in the PowerPoint presentation.

In the process of describing the source of funding, the Board was told that the emphasis is going to be on the 56% reimbursement rate, as the additional 3% is not guaranteed.

There was discussion regarding how to present numbers to the public. Many Board members agreed that generally, the public wants to know what it is this going to cost them personally, and don't want all the details on how the figure was constructed. The point was also made by several members that when you put too many numbers into a presentation people begin to get bored and stop listening. A suggestion was made that all slides need to have 19.9M first and 24.6M second, so that it always follows the order of warrant.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a movement from the floor and how the Board will respond, if it occurs. This discussion of the Board's response was tabled until the February 15th meeting.

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Pauline then presented the slides that comprise the Budget Hearing part of the meeting. Members of the Board felt it was important that someone who participated in the teacher's union bargaining should speak regarding this issue to show support for the teachers' needs.

The Board agreed to change the slide entitled "Items out of our Control" to "Items Beyond our Control".

There was discussion regarding what makes up the various budget figures during the presentation of the Total Proposed Budget slide.

Articles 7, 8, 9, and were presented with little or no discussion.

The two articles regarding the dissolution and creation of a new Capital Reserve Fund for Gorham were discussed in great detail. It was concluded that a transitional slide needs to be created to illustrate why the numbers change between the dissolution and creation.

The articles were then presented regarding the opening of capital reserve funds/expendable trust funds. Discussion followed regarding the level and the appropriateness of the funding.

It was noted that the current budget had decreased by \$215,007 compared to the January 10th budget handout, due to a decrease in the cost of health insurance.

The PowerPoint presentation was completed and the Board was asked if they had any questions or comments to make.

->Jean Tremblay made a motion to bring the \$7,194,727 budget as presented to the District meeting. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan. **All in favor.**

->Katie Kelley made a motion to bring forward the warrants as amended tonight to the District meeting. It was seconded by Jean Tremblay. **All in favor.**

IV. Non Public Session

None

V. Other

Jo announced that no one had signed up to run for the open Board positions, except for herself and Angela. She reminded everyone that this Friday, February 2, 2007, at 5:00 pm is the deadline.

Paul showed the annual report covers. A husky with a flag will be going on the cover.

Paul, Pauline, and Executive Committee will meet with Lee Carroll (Moderator) to outline setup of the meeting. Pauline will be setting up the meeting.

VI. Adjournment

->A Motion was made by to adjourn by Donna at 9:35 pm, seconded by Reed.
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