

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 6:30pm
Minutes of Meeting

Gorham Middle High School

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

Absent: Jay Holmes

Late Arrival: Michele Cormier (6:45pm), Kathleen Kelley (7:05pm)

Student members: Kate Landry (left at 9:00 pm)

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left at 8:10); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator (left at 8:10); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Director of Special Services (left at 8:10); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Wendy Mayerson, Minute Taker

Press: Gail Scott (left at 8:25)

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:35 pm by chair Jo Carpenter.

II. Public Comments

None.

III. Written Communication

a) Superintendent – Paul Bousquet

- i. Relayed information from E-mail correspondence between he and John Gallus' office regarding the decrease in a budget allocations from numbers given to the office in November 2006. Pauline is working on new numbers. Paul is going to a budget meeting tomorrow in Whitefield.
- ii. Letter from the Gorham Recreation Department – Senior, Retired, and Adult Programs was received thanking people for coming to their breakfasts over the last few months.
- iii. Danny Legendre Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament sent the Board a copy of the sponsor solicitation flyer they have composed to show what it looks like and to possibly solicit sponsorship from the Board.
- iv. Paul Bousquet read a letter from the DOE regarding the Ed Fenn not meeting minimum standards for rooms in the primary wing not having a secondary egress, the windows being too small to count as the second egress, and the need for maintenance of the chimneys. It was also noted that this is the first time that Ed Fenn has been cited for building issues since Paul has been here, which is why he brought it to the Board's attention instead of it being handled on a school level.
- v. Pictures were passed around displaying the damage done to the science room after the March 16th storm. It was suggested that the pictures be posted on the Building Committee web-site.

IV. Adoption of Minutes February 15, 2007, January 16, 2007 and January 30, 2007

Motion made by Jean Tremblay to accept minutes of January 16, 2006, meeting with identified amendments. Motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

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Motion made by Jean Tremblay to accept minutes of January 30, 2006, meeting with identified amendments. Motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

Motion was made by Jean Tremblay to accept all minutes February 15, 2007, January 16, 2007 and January 30, 2007, as presented, seconded by Greg Corrigan. Motion was seconded; all in favor.

IV. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Director of Special Services, informed the Board of the process of hiring a Special Ed High School teacher. The Board was informed that there are currently four bills in the legislature that will place New Hampshire SPED requirements beyond the Federal requirements.

V. Maintenance Director's Report

No further comments beyond report submitted.

VII. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn, reported that the Response to Intervention (RTI) efforts are underway and going quite well. The recent food service survey indicates parents and students are happy with the food. The Interview committee for 1st grade has met, reviewed 10 resumes, after compiling a list of what they are looking for and how to conduct the interviews. Gym position committee has been formed although there has not been an overwhelming response. Last week of March candidates will be identified and dates of interviews will be set.

VIII. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS, informed the Board that Bill Goodrich will be inducted to the New Hampshire Coaches Hall of Fame. Also highlighted was an overview of winter achievements in sports, arts, and NECAP scores. Contract for year book with Josten's has expired, so it will go out to bid, with bids brought back to the May meeting. It was also decided that there should be more advertising done for the Assistant Principal position.

a) Overnight Trip Approval- Leadership In Prevention (LIP)

A request for permission for students to attend LIP training in Strafford overnight was approved as long as policies are followed and a list of students are provided.

Motion to approve overnight LIP field trip by Donna Goodrich, seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

b) Overnight Trip Approval- Youth and Government

A request was submitted for permission for students to attend the Youth and Government program and stay overnight at the Comfort Inn in Concord May 30 & 31st. **Motion to approve Youth and Government overnight trip by Greg Corrigan, seconded by Donna Goodrich. All in favor.**

c) Nomination Co-Curricular-Superintendent will Nominate

The two nominees for Granite State Challenge named were Rob Hamel and Peter Gagnon. **Motion to approve nominations as presented by Kathleen Kelley, seconded by Anne Hill. All in favor.**

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IV. Business Administrator's Report

Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator, presented the current year's budget presented to show anticipated balance. The Board was informed that if project goes through then that money can be encumbered and saved.

A request was made to add the number of students from each town both the in-district and out of district placements that each town is responsible for to clarify the cost per pupil figure for the District meeting.

X. Superintendent's Report

a. Meeting Set up and Procedure for 3/21/07

The Board was informed that capacity of gym is 750 people. A lengthy discussion then proceeded on how the gym would be set up, the availability of three wireless microphones and the necessity of anyone asking questions to use one, trying to configure the space to alleviate chaos during voting, and the elevation of Lee's platform. An inquiry was made as to the availability of child care which Keith Parent will follow-up on Thursday.

Jean Tremblay brought up the issue that the Chair of the Building Committee should present the building project as efficiently as possible. The presentation is the one from the forums, with questions being asked after the presentation. In order to make sure the motion for Article 2 is made quickly Ben Mayerson should move it after the presentation, have someone from the board prepared to second and then start questions and discussion.

It was recommended that Article 19 – Funding for the Building Committee – be amended from the floor to go from \$10,000 to \$100,000 if Articles 2, 3 or 4 do not pass.

b. School Board Self-Assessment

The intention was to look at the spreadsheet of numbers compiled in January from the Board Self-Assessment before the next board comes in, but was tabled due to time constraints.

c. Nomination of Professional Staff Members

One agenda meeting or e-mail poll will need to be done to nominate the professional staff members since it needs to be done by April 15, 2006. It can be done via e-mail if no one has any questions regarding the staff as that is not public information and cannot be shared via e-mail. It was decided that if anyone has questions regarding a staff member(s) a meeting will be scheduled; otherwise it will be the e-mail poll. Donna Goodrich will abstain.

d. Other – Open Gorham Board Seats

Board members decided that an ad will be placed in the local papers immediately advertising the two open Gorham Board seats and interviews for those positions will occur directly after the April 17 meeting.

XI. GRS Policies

Paul Partenope moved to postpone the first reading of section G until the next meeting; seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

XII. Non Public Session –

At 9:25 p.m. Jean Tremblay moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) and (e);

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seconded by Greg Corrigan; roll call vote: Kathleen Kelley, yes; Reed Leberman, yes; Greg Corrigan, yes; Donna Goodrich, yes; Jean Tremblay, yes; Anne Hill, yes; Angela Brown, yes; Michele Cormier, yes; Paul Partenope, yes; Jo Carpenter, yes

The Board returned to public session at 10:20 p.m.

Jean Tremblay moved to seal the nonpublic minutes until 8:00 a.m. April 16th; seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor; motion passes.

XIII. Next Meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 7 :00 p.m. GMHS Gym, School District Meeting

XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 6:30p.m. Randolph Town Hall

XV. Other

Legislative Liaison: Paul Partenope would like a process to follow in order to know what information to share with the Board relating to legislative matters.

Adjournment

At 10:27 Jean Tremblay moved to adjourn, seconded by Greg Corrigan; all were in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Wendy A, Mayerson