

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 6:30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan, Michelle Cormier, Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Paul Partenope, and Donna Goodrich (7:07 pm)

Student members: Kate Landry (left at 9:15)

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn; Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator; Becky Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services; Bill Kaczinski, Assistant Principal; Chad Miller, Technology Director (arrived @ 7:00 pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Chris Graham (left @ 6:56 pm), Wendy Mayerson, Minute Taker; Bruce Aube, KDPaine & Partners (arrived at 6:50 pm left @ 8:16 pm), John Carpenter (arrived @ 7:21 pm left at 8:21pm)

Press: Laura Jamaison, Berlin Reporter

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:40 pm.

II. Public Comment None offered.

III. Written Communication

a. NHSBA Resolutions

It was announced that if any decisions regarding the adoptions of the NHSBA Resolutions are going to be made it needed to be done that night to meet the July 9th, deadline.

b. Citizen Letter from Park Street Resident

Paul has been in contact with the Park Street resident. The current GRS Cooperative District policy is that they are not liable for any damages that occur. Nor is the current school board held by any past actions of past boards.

c. Alma Matters

d. NHBSA Right to Know Law

Paul Partenope will follow up after legislature has met regarding the e-mail that was sent regarding the right to know laws and other items. Handout was just for informational purposes.

e. Other

Jo Carpenter reported she had received New Hampshire Education Law at Your Fingertips – organized by RSA and Topic. It has been given to the administrative office to have copies made for all the Board members.

IV. Adoption of Minutes May 15, 2007

Kathleen Kelley moved to accept the minutes of May 15, 2007, as amended. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

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V. GMHS Staff Presentation

a. Rock Climbing

Chris Graham gave a presentation about the rock climbing trip and reported the students had a great time.

VI. GRS Policies

Paul Partenope reported that they have been working on section J and will report more at the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding researching other area schools and the School Board's feelings and role in the revision of the policy on Student Dress Code. A request was made to have anyone with comments on this to send them to Paul Partenope before next meeting which will be held on Thursday.

VII. Legislative Liaison Reports

Paul Partenope presented information on the legislative issues and the results of previously discussed items that have occurred since the last meeting. The Board supported Paul expressing the opinion that the Board does not agree with the legislation regarding the meeting/quorum guidelines.

VIII. Building Update

a. Survey results

The floor was opened to ask Bruce Aube questions regarding the survey. Discussion followed regarding specifics of what the questions were really addressing, the results of the survey, how the co-op members' feel about an educational relationship with Berlin, and how the results will be shared with the public. It was decided to have copies available at the Town offices, libraries and schools as well as posting on the website.

IX. SPED Director's Report

Becky Sweeny emphasized the strengths of the SPED program, including the ongoing home education reviews, training the teachers with curriculum for intervention and managing transportation issues.

X. Maintenance Director's Report

Dave Goyette reported that maintenance will now begin the activities to get the schools ready for the next academic year.

XI. Technology Director's Report

a. 2nd Reading Adoption of Technology Plan

There was discussion regarding funding for the plan, wireless networking for students, and Ed-Line.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the second reading and adopt the Technology plan. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

XII. EFS Principal's Report

a. 2nd Reading Adoption of EFS Handbooks

There was some discussion regarding topics in the handbook and minor typographical errors were pointed out.

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A motion was made by Anne Hill to accept the second reading and adopt the EFS handbooks as amended. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; 8 in favor, one opposed (Angela Brown).

XIII. GMHS Principal's Report

Wal-Mart donated their entire security system from the old store to the co-op. Uses for the system were discussed.

Steve Michaud made a motion for the GRS Co-op to accept the security system donated by Wal-Mart. Anne Hill seconded the motion; all in favor.

Keith also notified the Board that the North Country Crisis team will be using the building on June 28th for a mock hostage drill.

a. 2nd Reading Adoption of GMHS Handbooks

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to adopt the GMHS handbooks. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; 8 in favor, one opposed (Anne Hill).

XIV. Business Administrator's Report

a. Formal Adoption of Oil Bid

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to adopt the oil bid. Greg Corrigan seconded the motion; all in favor.

b. Cost of Regionalization? Cost of Tuition to Berlin?

These ideas are still being explored and more information will be available after the next Finance Committee meeting.

c. End of Year Fund Balances/Purchases/Line Item Transfers

Pauline gave an over-view of the building repair estimates that were distributed and asked for decisions to be made regarding the chimney and boiler repair vendors.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the recommended vendors for the chimney – Buckovitch Masonry and Northeast Steeplejacks and boiler repairs – K&R Heating. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; 8, one opposed (Anne Hill).

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the end of the year fund balances/purchases/line item transfers. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; 8 in favor, one abstained (Paul Partenope).

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to sell the Market Forge Electric Tilt Skillet. The motion was seconded by Greg; all in favor.

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d. Review of Request for Proposals No discussion

e. Other None offered

XV. Superintendent's Report

a. Formal Approval of Hiring David Laurin

Kathleen Kelley made a motion to hire David Laurin of Banwell Architects. The motion was seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor.

b. Set Meeting Dates 2007-2008

A decision to meet the third Tuesday of every month was made by consensus. The Board also set the date for the next School District Meeting to be on March 8, 2008, at 10:00 am.

c. Nominations

Kathleen Kelley made a motion to accept the proposals for the paraprofessionals and the co-curricular nominations as amended. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the professional staff nominations of Melissa Lee for the Math position at the GHS and Annalisa Weygandt for the French position at the GMS. The motion was seconded by Paul Partenope, all in favor.

d. Appoint School District Treasurer and School Board Members

It was decided that since there were two candidates for Treasurer it would be discussed in a non-public session.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept Jay Holmes' application for one of the two open Gorham seats on the Board. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; 8 in favor, one opposed (Michelle Cormier).

e. Other

The Board was handed a copy of the report from RPF Associates out of Northwood. They were contracted to test for mold at both the EF and GMHS; results indicated there is presently no mold. The report will be discussed in detail at the August Board Meeting.

Keith Parent has been told that he can call the NEASC on July 15th after their regularly scheduled meeting in July to find out the results of the meeting and our accreditation status, and that a letter will also be forthcoming after that meeting.

Kathleen Kelley made a motion to meet in July to discuss accreditation issue once details have been received. The motion was seconded by Angela Brown; 8 in favor, one abstained (Anne Hill).

Greg Corrigan made a motion at 9:30 pm to extend the meeting by 20 minutes. The motion

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was seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor.

XVI. Non Public Session – Angela Brown made a motion to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a)(c 0. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; roll call vote taken, Jo Carpenter, yes; Angela Brown, yes; Greg Corrigan, yes; Michelle Cormier, yes; Anne Hill, yes; Kathleen Kelley, yes; Stephen Michaud, yes; Paul Partenope, yes; and Donna Goodrich, yes.

XVII. Next Regular Meeting

A short meeting to discuss the fire alarm bids and window recommendations will be held June 28, 2007 at 6:30 in room 104.

XVIII. Other

XIX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm. The motion was seconded Donna Goodrich; all in favor.

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