

Building Committee Joint Meeting with  
GRS Cooperative School Board

Wednesday, November 7, 2007  
6:30 pm @ GMHS Library

**Board Members Present:** Jo Carpenter, chair; Angela Brown; Michele Cormier; Patricia Flynn; Donna Goodrich; Anne Hill; Kathleen Kelley; Paul Parteno

**Building Committee Members Present:** Ben Mayerson, chair; John Carpenter; Bob Demers; Conrad Deutsch; Kathleen Kelley (school board); Paul Parteno (school board)

**Administration Present:** Paul Bousquet, Superintendent SAU #20; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator; Dave Goyette, Transportation and Maintenance Director; Keith Parent, Principal GMHS; Karen Cloutier, Principal EFS

**Public:** David Laurin, Banwell Architects; Rick Eichler, Gorham Fire Chief; Jean Tremblay, Jody Tremblay, Bob Balon

**Press:** Gail Scott, Berlin Daily Sun

- I. Call to Order: Jo Carpenter, Chair of the GRS Cooperative School Board, called the meeting to order at 6:34, then turned to time over to Ben Mayerson, Chair of the Building Committee.
- II. Public Comment: No public comment
- III. Approval of Building Committee minutes from 9/24/07 and 10/11/07: **Motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2007 by Paul Parteno, seconded by Kathleen Kelley, all in favor. Motion to accept the minutes of October 11, 2007 by Bob Demers, seconded by Ben Mayerson; Kathleen Kelley and Paul Parteno abstained; all others in favor.**
- IV. Banwell plans and estimates: Ben Mayerson turned the time back to Jo Carpenter, who then introduced David Laurin from Banwell Architects. He presented a plan for reduced scope of work that meets the pressing life safety issues as well as the critical science curriculum--roofs at both schools, full sprinkler system at the GMHS, gym wall at GMHS, and total tear-out and redo of the GMHS science rooms. He believes the work can be completed over the course of two summers so as not to disturb instruction time. His recommendations of most pressing issues are roof replacement; sprinkler system; renovate gym wall; renovate science classrooms; and new egress stairwell. Discussion then focused on curriculum

changes due to new plan, requirements of administration for new plan, as well as financial impact to the three towns. Jo Carpenter concluded the discussion by asking board members what further information they want by the next board meeting, to which they requested Ben Mayerson's list of differences between plans, Keith Parent's list of problems/challenges with new plan, info from State Dept of Ed regarding requirements for ventilation, and State Building Aid.

V. Timeline: Paul Bousquet requested that the Board make a decision regarding the project by December at the latest.

VI. Other: None

VII. Next meetings: None scheduled

VIII. Adjournment: **John Carpenter moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.**