

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 6:30pm
Minutes of Meeting

Gorham Middle High School Library

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Michelle Cormier, Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, and Paul Parteno, Greg Corrigan (6:50), Donna Goodrich (7:10)

Absent: Patricia Flynn (excused), and Ashton Paine (excused)

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

Public: Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker)

Press: Gail Scott (BDS), Bethany Taylor (Berlin Reporter)

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:38 pm.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Approval of Minutes December 18, 2007

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to approve the December 18, 2007, public and non-public minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; 7 in favor; 1 abstained (Angela Brown)

IV. Written Communication

a. Thank you cards

Thank you cards were circulated, thanking the board for the gift certificates.

b. Letter from Berlin School Board

The letter from the Berlin School Board regarding regionalization was discussed. The letter stated that the Berlin Board would like to resolve the current building issues that they are dealing with in Berlin prior to reopening any discussion of regionalization with the Cooperative.

c. Letter from private citizen

The letter was not discussed because prior to the meeting, the citizen asked that the letter be withdrawn.

d. Other

A representation letter from the District's auditor was reviewed and signed by Jo Carpenter as chair for the board.

V. Report of Student Council Representative

Ashton Paine was not in attendance due to illness.

VI. GRS Policies

Paul Parteno handed out a summary of new and revised policies, and highlighted some of the reasons for the changes. There was some discussion pertaining to the changes.

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A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the 3rd reading and to adopt the revision to policy JLCD, as read with minor modifications; and to accept the 2nd reading and adoption to the existing policies as submitted in package. The motion was seconded by Steve Michaud; all in favor.

A motion was made by Angela Brown for the 1st reading of policies ADD, EBCF, EEAED, EEAED-R, IHAH, IHCA, IMBD, and JG. The motion was seconded by Steve Michaud; all in favor.

VII. School Board Self Evaluation

Angela Brown compiled the results and passed them out. The board reviewed the information and thanked her for her work.

There was a discussion regarding scheduling a retreat in May, and conducting an orientation for new board members after the March elections.

There was also discussion to make meetings shorter. Unusual events have contributed to the length of meetings such as the building project, policies, and the startup of the Cooperative.

Four major goals were discussed:

1. At least once every two years the board schedules a special work session to examine its performance.
2. Streamline board meetings to run efficiently and to last no more than 2.5 hours.
3. Assist new board members to become familiar with the work of the board.
4. Become routinely informed about best practices in curriculum, instruction and assessment.

VIII. Legislative Liaison Report

Paul Partenope discussed his latest distribution to the Board. Per his suggestion, a special meeting to discuss all of the material was scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th, at 6:30pm, in the GMHS Distance Learning Lab.

There was discussion about an article in the local paper, pertaining to school State funding.

IX. Building Update

a. Strategy and Information to Public

Paul Bousquet discussed his ideas for publicizing the project.

Pauline Plourde said that she received quotes in the range of 3.4% for interest rates, but is using 3.5% in her projections for a five (5) year bond. The duration of the bond was discussed.

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A motion was made by Donna Goodrich to repay the bond if Article 2 passes in five (5) years, or if Article 3 passes in seven (7) years. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

i. Public Forums

Concern was expressed about low attendance at the forums last year. A suggestion was made to split the mailer into three separate handouts at the forums. The Board was asked to attend as many of the forums as possible.

ii. Public Postings

The presentation board done by Banwell Architects was discussed. Some changes were suggested.

iii. Mailer

Since some members felt it should be shorter, discussion about the mailer will continue and be sent out after the forums.

iv. Other

Kathleen Kelley passed some information to Paul Bousquet pertaining to public outreach to be considered, if the articles do not pass.

X. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny discussed her report with some details. There was some Q/A.

XI. Maintenance Director's Report

David Goyette discussed his written report. He was pleased to report that the fire retardant paint is scheduled to be applied to the EFS ceiling tiles, during the vacation break.

There was some Q/A about the lighting in the GMHS gym. An evaluation by PSNH is being done at both schools and will be sent back to David soon.

XII. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller reviewed his written report. A \$10,000 Title II-D grant from the Federal government has been secured, for a set of electronic smart boards for each school and training. Chad explained the features of the boards.

Edline for the middle school was discussed.

XIII. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier discussed her report.

Greg Corrigan made a motion to accept the Safe Routes to School grant of \$8,400. The motion was seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor

The Pedestrian Safety Education Curriculum is no longer available as it has been offered to another district.

XIV. GMHS Principal's Report

a. Status of GHS/Lyndon State student

This will be discussed in the non-public session.

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- b. Vote-Cover for March 2008 School District Report C. Graham's graphic arts students.**

It was agreed by consensus to use the 1st cover (w/school building) for the report.

- c. Other**

Keith Parent relayed his experiences when he attended the Shooter in the School Training. He suggested that there be a meeting with the Gorham Police Department to update the school's protocols since he felt that the existing ones were not up to date.

Keith also informed the Board that the Air Force Band will be here March 3rd at 7:30 pm, to perform a free concert.

Kathleen Kelley announced the Kennett School art show.

XV. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Monthly Financial Report**

Pauline Plourde discussed her report and asked for any questions. There were none.

- b. Budget 2008-2009 including Warrant**

A new budget worksheet was distributed.

Pauline Plourde reviewed the warrant pages. There was a suggestion to specify the number of Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Pauline said the filing deadline to run for a board seat is set to begin January 23rd to February 1st.

It was asked if the Tuition Expendable amount should be raised higher. It was suggested that board members promote to the community the need for this fund to exist. Pauline said that there should be enough fund balance to accommodate the suggested set aside.

Kathleen Kelley made a motion to bring the warrant, as adjusted, to the budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Donna Goodrich; all in favor

XVI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mission Statement**

The proposed statements were discussed.

A motion was made by Michelle Cormier to accept letter D on the list. There was no second.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept letter E as written. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; 3 in favor; 6 were opposed.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept letter B as written. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; 3 in favor; 5 were opposed; 1 abstained.

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A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept an amended version of letter E, stating: *“The mission of the GRS Cooperative School Board is to promote academic achievement and success, to prudently manage educational cost, and to assist in the development of lifelong learners who are intellectually curious, resourceful and respectful of self, others and the environment.”*

The motion was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

XVII. Non Public Session

A motion was made at 9:22 p.m. to go into non-public session by Donna Goodrich, under RSA 91-A:311, Sections A and C. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill.

The roll was called: Carpenter - Yes, Brown - Yes, Cormier - Yes, Corrigan - Yes, Goodrich - Yes, Hill - Yes, Kelley - Yes, Michaud - Yes, Miller - Yes, and Partenope – Yes
The motion was passed.

- a. Support Staff Negotiations
- b. Status of GHS/Lyndon State student

No decisions were made in non-public session.

XVIII. Budget Bond Hearing Thursday, January 31, 2008, GMHS Music Room 7:00pm

XIX. Next Regular Meeting February 19, 2008, in the Shelburne Town Hall

XX. Other – None

XXI. Adjournment –Angela Brown made a motion by to adjourn the board meeting at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

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