

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board

Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 6:30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Gorham Middle High School Library

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Michelle Cormier, Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine, and Greg Corrigan (6:45)

Absent: Ashton Paine

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; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Mike Brosnan (GMHS teacher); Kayla Galipeau (GMHS student); Donna Goodrich (Public 7:00), Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker); Natalie Ouellette (GMHS student); and Fran Wolf (GHS Paraprofessional)

Press: Gail Scott (BDS left ~9:00) and Bethany Taylor (Berlin Reporter left ~9:00)

I. Call to Order-Superintendent

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:33 pm.

II. Realignment of Board-Nomination of Officers

A motion was made by Paul Partenope nominating Jo Carpenter, for Chair. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

A motion was made by Anne Hill nominating Kathleen Kelley for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Carol Miller; all in favor.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope nominating Angela Brown for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.

Jo took over the meeting as chair. Introduction of those present took place.

III. Public Comments

Angela Brown relayed a parent's suggestion that a self defense course be offered at the GMHS for junior and senior girls. Mike Santos has offered to provide the instruction for those in Grades 11 and 12. She will forward the information to Keith Parent.

IV. Presentation of Student Trip to Italy

Kayla Galipeau presented her slide show presentation she developed about the trip that 13 students took to Italy. Also in attendance to answer questions were Natalie Ouellette, teacher Mike Brosnan and Fran Wolf.

V. Approval of Minutes February 19, 2008

A motion was made by Debra Ackerman to approve all, public and non-public minutes of February 19, 2008, as written. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.

It was asked that the policy designations be included in the future minutes; these are in letter form, example JCL, BEDH.

VI. Written Communication

a. Measuring Aspirations Executive Summary

The letter and attached information were discussed.

b. Letter from Ben Mayerson about the calendar.

The letter was passed around to the board members for review.

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c. Nomination form for school boards that do innovative things.

There was discussion pertaining to the achievements of the board over the last several years. Kathleen Kelley offered to fill out the form.

VII. Report of Student Council Representative

Ashton Paine was not present.

VIII. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney reviewed her written report. There was Q/A along with a discussion about the parent night with Pat Eddy and the status of receipt of revenues from Medicaid billing.

IX. Maintenance Director's Report

David Goyette reviewed his written report. There was a brief Q/A.

X. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller reviewed his written report. There were questions and comments about Edline at the Middle School level and the complexity with interfacing with MMS. Chad also updated the board on the use of the open source data for the website.

XI. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier reviewed her written report. She discussed a new grant for safe and healthy schools, that she is applying for. It may be as high as \$260,000 for four years.

She attended the spelling bee, and reported the results. A fifth grade student, Tazkia Shah, from the EFS will be attending the next round this weekend in Manchester.

There was further Q/A.

XII. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent reviewed his written report. He reiterated his request to have the board meeting held in April at the GMHS for a presentation of Smart Board technology.

Cabaret night is April 15 and 16 with two productions – one at 5:30 pm and the other at 7 :00 pm. Keith talked about schedule planning. There was additional Q/A.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to have next month's meeting at the GMHS. The motion was seconded by Carol Miller. After additional discussion, Greg and Carol withdrew their motion and second.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to have the next two months' meetings at the GMHS. The motion was seconded by Carol Miller; all in favor.

XIII. Business Administrator's Report

a. Café Services Report

Pauline Plourde discussed the Café Services report and contract. She presented the proposals for the rate increases :

Lunch price increased by \$.15 – EF \$1.75, GMHS \$2.25

Breakfast price increased by \$.10 – EF \$1.10, GMHS \$1.35

Milk price increased by \$.10 - \$.50 (both schools)

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There was Q/A, including discussion about the time line to get results from the student survey. Acceptance of the contract for the 2008-09 school year will be determined once surveys are reviewed and tabled for the following month.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the new prices. The motion was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

b. Financial Statement-The Mercier Group Audit-Handout

Pauline briefly discussed the audit. When asked, Pauline indicated that she is the one who crafts the Management and Discussion Analysis included in the audit report as required by auditing standards. There was Q/A.

XIV. Legislative Liaison Report

Paul Partenope discussed pending house bills.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to support house bills 1645 and 1643. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.

Paul Partenope discussed the adequacy bill.

A motion was made by Steve Michaud to support the educational funding bill SB 539 and the constitutional amendment CACR34. The motion was seconded by Michele Cormier; all opposed.

It was requested that a memo be prepared for the board, to explain impact of the \$3,400/per student funding, as per the proposed legislation.

XV. Building Update

Paul Bousquet passed around the MS-22 form – Voted Appropriations, and asked for signatures.

Paul announced that there had been an administrators' meeting with David Laurin last week. There will be a meeting every Tuesday, at 10am. Numerous planning items were discussed. The goal is to have a completed project in January 2009. Minutes of the planning meetings will be sent to board members.

Banwell's contract is currently being reviewed.

There was Q/A regarding the roles of the board and administration. Paul will check with other Superintendents and report back to the Board. Board members are welcome to attend the weekly meetings.

XVI. Superintendent's Report

a. Thanks to Everyone for the Positive Bond Vote

Paul Bousquet made a brief statement thanking Ben and the Building Committee, the Board and everyone else involved for their hard work on the project. It was suggested that a press release be sent to the papers indicating the same. Other issues were discussed such as inviting interested people to join the Alternative Funding Committee, advertising for local contractors for the project, and how to mitigate parking issues while construction is in progress.

b. Nomination of Professional Staff 2008-2009

This item was deferred to the non public session. Once out of non-public the following motion took place:

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Michele Cormier moved to accept the nominations as presented by the Superintendent; seconded by Stephen Michaud; 9 in favor, 2 abstained (Greg Corrigan, Carol Miller)

c. Regular Meeting Schedule 2008-2009

Paul asked if the current schedule of the third Tuesday each month was still good. Everyone agreed that it was. Paul will prepare a schedule of future board meetings.

Next month's meeting will have a consent agenda.

d. Committee Assignments 2008-2009

i. Finance Committee

The members will be Jo Carpenter, Kathleen Kelley, Greg Corrigan, Carol Miller, and Julie St. Germaine.

ii. Policy Committee

The members will be Angela Brown, Anne Hill, Paul Partenope, and Debra Ackerman.

iii. Legislative Liaison

Paul Partenope will continue in this position with assistance from Michele Cormier, Debra Ackerman, Steve Michaud, and Julie St. Germaine.

iv. Alternative Funding Committee

The members will be Kathleen Kelley, Greg Corrigan, Michele Cormier, and Carol Miller. Pauline Plourde will represent Administration, and members of the community will be added.

Kathleen Kelley will be gone for 1+ months in the near future. She expressed a wish for the committee's work to move forward without her.

1. Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Paul B. expressed concern about having volunteers working on the project due to liability reasons and guarantee of work completed. Perhaps a venue for volunteers can be realized such as painting or outdoor projects.

e. Nominations

i. School District Clerk-No more than two years

An amended motion was made by Michele Cormier nominating Grace LaPierre as Clerk, for 3 years, and Don King as Treasurer for 3 years. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor. Both offices will now have terms that will coincide with the Moderator as is typical for School Districts.

ii. School District Treasurer-One to Five Years

See XVI. e. i.

f. Signatures for Ethics Statement

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept policy BCA-R. The motion was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

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Paul B. circulated the ethics statement for signing.

g. Calendar 2008-2009-Handout

There was discussion about the calendar, in particular the half days and where they fall in the week; some wanted to see if there might be an alternate method to accommodate the specials.

XVII. Non Public Session

A motion was made by Carol Miller to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a) (b). It was seconded by Michele Cormier. Roll call vote: Carpenter -Y, Ackerman -Y, Brown -Y, Cormier -Y, Corrigan -Y, Hill -Y, Kelley -Y, Michaud -Y, Miller -Y, Partenope -Y, and St. Germaine -Y

The board returned to public session at 9:30 p.m.

XVIII. Next Regular Meeting April 15, 2008, in the Shelburne Town Hall

The meeting location has been changed to the GMHS.

XIX. Other

Donna Goodrich announced that the Booster Club has pledged \$12,000 for the replacement of bleachers in the gym.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

Paul Bousquet shared that he wished to ask the Commissioner of Education to cancel one snow day. **Kathleen Kelley moved to approve that request, seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.**

The Jazz band will be performing in the cafeteria on Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

XX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Anne Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Stephen Michaud.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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