

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board

Monday, September 29, 2008, 6:30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan, Julie St. Germaine, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, Paul Partenope, and Sarah Tremblay (Student Rep)

Late Arrival: Michelle Cormier (6:49p), Anne Hill (6:45p), Kathleen Kelley (7:10p)

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator; Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker)

Press:

I. Call To Order

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

II. Public Comments

None

III. Next Steps for Building Renovations

Paul Bousquet distributed copies of the rough estimate for the two scenarios of the café and kitchen renovation (Phase 2), which is being referred to Option 1 and Option 2.

Pauline Plourde distributed and reviewed her figures of budget and costs to date. She reviewed her estimates in comparison to Banwell's figures, for Option 2.

There was discussion about how the project could be done without disrupting the lunch program.

There was discussion of what would happen to the Industrial Arts program, both in space and curriculum. SPED and music programs were also discussed, pertaining to any interruption of program.

Financing was discussed. It was asked if the funds would still be available in light of the national economic turmoil. Pauline Plourde stated that the loan amount from the bank is available through May of 2009. State Aid was also discussed.

It was suggested that a public information meeting be held to update the public as to the progress of the project so far, and what is planned for the next phase.

There was additional Q & A.

A motion was by Carol Miller to approve Phase 2, Option 2 of the GMHS renovation, to address the remaining fire safety and NEASC issues, and within the available budget. It is understood that a public information meeting will be held, to review the next steps. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

The information meeting will be Thursday, October 16, at 7:00pm at the Edward Fenn School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to continue working with Meridian, and a request that they bring forth a 'sum certain' contract. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; ten in favor, Kathleen Kelley opposed.

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IV. International Woodfuels Proposal

There was Q&A about the particulars that would be included in a contract.

A motion was by Paul Partenope to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to negotiate a contract with International Woodfuels. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor. Anne Hill and Julie St. Germaine abstained.

V. Alternate Funding Committee

Kathleen Kelley reported that the committee has met to create a plan to raise \$250,000. The committee felt it would be best to name the fund, to separate it from GRSEF. There will be five separate letters to specifically target different interest groups. The board will be asked to contribute funds. Members will be given a phone list of 50 names to contact and follow up with. There will be three different levels of contribution.

There was additional Q&A.

The letters will be available for board approval at the October 21 meeting.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Non Public Session if Needed

None was needed.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting October 21, 2008, GMHS Library, 6:00p.m.

IX. Other

a. NHSBA Resolution Issues

Paul Partenope handed out a memo pertaining to the resolutions. The deadline for submissions is the 14th.

b. Change Orders

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to approve the change order #7 in the amount of \$24,875, pending satisfactory answers to the Superintendent's questions, pertaining to three change order line items. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

c. Fuel Bids

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley accept the fuel bid(s) from Munces. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

d. Kathleen Kelley said she will not be running again for reelection in March of 2009.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

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