

**Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 6:00pm**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Gorham Middle High School**

**GRS Board Members Present:** Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Michelle Cormier, Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, and Paul Partenope, Greg Corrigan (6:43p); and Julie St. Germaine (7:32pm)

**Administration:** Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left at 7:23pm); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator (left at 7:23pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 7:23pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS (left at 7:23pm) and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator (6:25pm)

**Public:** Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker); Jan Millis, Gorham After School Program Director (left at 6:36pm); Stacey Smith, Gorham After School Program Teacher (left at 6:36pm); and Sarah Tremblay (Student Rep)

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:04 pm.

**II. Tour of Construction Areas GMHS**

The board toured the areas of renovation for about 25 minutes.

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Presentation Jan Millis-Gorham After School Program**

Jan Millis and Stacey Smith from the Gorham After School Program reviewed their program and report.

**V. Removal of Consent Agenda Items**

The following items were removed from VI: None

**VI. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Minutes September 16, 2008 and September 29, 2008**
- b. **Café Services Freshpicks Café**
- c. **NHSBA Certificate of Membership**
- d. **Nominations**

**The chair declared all items in section VI. as adopted.**

**VII. District Administrators Reports**

**a. SPED Director's Report**

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.

**b. Maintenance Director's Report**

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions. There was a question about why there isn't a posted school zone flashing light eastbound, near the EFS driveway. Pauline Plourde said it has to do with State DOT regulations regarding relative distances between the signs and lights.

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**c. EFS Principal's Report**

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions. Karen was asked about her impressions about the test results. She felt the scores were disappointing. She feels the curriculum was not set up well. It has been changed since the testing. Bringing in the Tin Mountain group has also been a positive change. They are working with all grade levels.

25 teachers and about six support staff attended the portfolio training session.

**d. GMHS Principal's Report**

Keith Parent was available to answer questions. There was discussion about the science curriculum and whether it should be aligned for the standardized testing, and how fast moving changes in the economy affects what students need to learn.

There were questions and discussion about the proposed new engineering courses.

Keith is looking for a space for Sean Walsh's shop class to be located, during Phase 2 construction.

It was suggested that a member(s) of the track team and golf team come to a board meeting to give their impressions, of their experiences in the new programs.

**e. Technology Director's Report**

Chad Miller was not present at the meeting.

There was appreciation expressed, for the MHS Edline access. Infinite Campus is still being considered, but for now MMS is working well.

It was requested that Help Desk statistics be included in the future technology reports.

**VIII. Business Administrator's Report**

**a. Construction Phase I and Phase II Financials**

Pauline Plourde reviewed her written report.

Paul Bousquet reported that ongoing discussions with Banwell and Meridian are directed toward firmer prices for Phase 2.

**b. Fund Transfers**

Pauline Plourde reviewed her recommendations for fund transfers.

**A motion was made by Debra Ackerman to approve the fund transfers. It was seconded by Michelle Cormier; all in favor.**

**c. Budget Committee Meeting Date?**

The Finance Committee will be meeting soon.

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Building Update**

**i. Change Order 8**

**ii. Change Order 9**

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**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to approve change order #8 and #9 as amended. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.**

### **iii. Adoption of Name for Gymnasium**

**A motion was made by Carol Miller to approve the naming of the GMHS gymnasium to be the “Alumni Gymnasium”. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.**

### **b. Family Resource Center Financial Question**

Paul Bousquet reported that the SAU is working with the FRC regarding the rental of the SAU office spaces. In five years, the payment amount will equal the appropriation made at the School District Meeting to cover the matching portion of the CDBG grant. There will be more information at the next SAU board meeting.

### **c. Pay Increases for Administrators 2009-2010**

Paul Bousquet reported that he proposes the salaries for administrators be level funded, with adjustments only for insurance or other benefit cost increases.

## **X. Board Committee Reports**

### **a. Alternate Funding Committee**

#### **i. Email Information re: 9/30/08 GRSEF Meeting**

Paul Bousquet discussed the recent Email from the GRSEF, pertaining to possible redundant fundraising activities by the GRSEF and the GRS board.

**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to suspend the fund raising activities of the Alternate Funding Committee. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor**

### **b. Transportation Committee**

The charge was read and reviewed. The committee met today. The committee reviewed bus and route data. They plan to each take a route and ride with the bus. They will meet again to develop suggestions and possible policies.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 28 at 8:00am. The committee plans to take a field trip on a bus, over several routes to understand the challenges of each specific route.

### **c. Policy**

The policies are now posted on the SAU website in PDF form. There was a discussion as to how many and where hard copies of the policy book should be available. The process of timely updating the website version was discussed.

The next policy committee meeting will be after the November board meeting.

#### **i. First Reading of JLF**

**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the first reading of JLF. It was seconded by Paul Partenoep; all in favor.**

#### **ii. Second Reading Adoption-EBCF, IHBH, IHBH-R, IHBI, ICAA, JLCD-R, JLI.**

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A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to approve the second reading and adoption of policies EBCF, IHBH, IHBH-R, IHBI, IKAA, JLCD-R, and JLI. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

### XI. Public Comments

None

### XII. Non Public Session if Needed

None was required.

### XIII. Next Regular Meeting November 18, 2008, in the Randolph Town Hall

### XIV. Other

- a. New passwords for the School Board Association have been mailed out to board members.
- b. Barbara Arnold sent a letter stating that she will be retiring at the end of the 2010-2011 year.  
**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept Barbara's retirement, with regret. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.**
- c. The student representative asked if Smart Boards will be installed in the new Science wing. Students would like to have them if possible. Currently it is not in the budget.
- d. It was asked if a room has been found for Mr. Hamel. Paul Bousquet said yes.
- e. Angela submitted the Board attendance report.
- f. December 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be the MHS and HS chorus and band concerts.
- g. Paul Partenope reviewed his Legislative report, with the proposed resolutions.  
**A motion was made by Carol Miller to support a DOE to fund a study on the impact on performance of extended learning opportunities and extended learning opportunities' relationship to the funding formula. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.**

**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to support the use of National or New England standards when defining curriculum that compromises an "adequate education". It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.**

**A motion was made by Debra Ackerman to support change(s) required in the appropriate laws, rules and regulations to allow mental or public health clinics to operate during the school day within a school facility. It was seconded by Carol Miller; 7 in favor, 4 opposed. The motion was passed.**

**A motion was made by Carol Miller to support a DOE funded study regarding the efficiency of the SAU system within the stated purpose of reducing, consolidation, the number of SAU's. It was seconded by Anne Hill; 9 in favor, 2opposed. The motion passed.**

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- h. A single bid to install the generator at the EFS, was received from Ray's Electric Inc. The bid is for \$9177.00.

**A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept Ray's Electric bid contingent on having no add ons or price increases for the job. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; all in favor.**

### **XV. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Carol Miller to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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