

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 6:30pm
Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan, Julie St. Germaine (left at 8:37pm), Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Carol Miller, and Paul Partenope.

Student Representative: Sarah Tremblay

Absent: Michele Cormier and Steven Michaud

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left at 8:04pm); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator (left at 8:04pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 8:04pm); Chad Miller, Technology Director (left at 8:04pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker)

Press: None

I. Call To Order

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

II. Public Comments

None

III. Written Communication

- a. Primex Book to Board Chair
The Primex book was given to Jo Carpenter.
- b. Thank you card and letters, for the Wal-Mart gift cards were sent to the board, from various teachers and staff.
- c. Information about the Open Mic night
A letter was sent to Keith Parent with some suggestions for changes to future Open Mic nights.
- d. One of the resolutions was approved by the New Hampshire School Boards Association and will be presented at the annual NHSBA delegate assembly.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following items were removed from IV: b.

- a. Approval of Minutes November 18, 2008
- ~~b. GRS Projected Enrollment~~
- c. Nomination
- d. Legislative Liaison Report

The chair declared items a, c, and d in section IV. as adopted.

Discussion of items removed from the consent agenda:

- b. GRS Projected Enrollment
A member expressed her concern at the projection of decreasing enrollment. Paul Bousquet said it was difficult to know what future years will be so far in advance. He will ask the central office to review the numbers again.

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V. Student Council Representative Report

Sarah Tremblay reported that the Talent Show and Open Mic went very well. Various events are being organized, in the near future, to benefit the Levesque family.

VI. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.

Preschool screening has been rescheduled to January 16, 2009.

b. Maintenance Director's Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

He said that last night's concert was outstanding!

The Middle School chorus will be singing tomorrow night.

The high school chorus opened for the Community Chorus Christmas Concert on Sunday in Berlin and gave an excellent performance.

i. Vocational Program Completion Rates

The disappointing statistics were discussed. Keith Parent felt some students get into the program with good intentions, but find that the program is not to their liking, and leave before completion.

A suggestion was made to expose 9th grade student to the program. Keith will take the suggestion to Roland Pinette.

ii. Program of Studies Second Reading and Adoption

A motion was made by Anne Hill to accept the second reading and adopt the Program of Studies. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

a. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was available to answer questions.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

a. Budget 2009-2010 Second Draft

Pauline Plourde reviewed her revised draft of the budget. The budget hearing will be on January 28, 2009, the Edward Fenn Gym/Cafeteria.

The Finance Committee will meet again, before the next board meeting. It was requested that all committees notify the entire board of meetings, so that non-committee members may attend.

b. Primex Health Insurance-Action Needed

Pauline Plourde briefly reviewed the proposal from Primex.

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A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to participate in Primex Health's ExTRA Program in order to receive an additional 2% discount on our Health Insurance. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; eight in favor, one abstained (Paul Partenope).

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to transfer funds for memory upgrades for the CoWs. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

A 15 minute recess began at 8:04pm.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

a. NHDOE Initiatives

Paul Bousquet reviewed the NHDOE letter.

b. Building Update

Paul Bousquet updated the board on the progress of the project. On December 23, the punch list walk through will take place.

The State Fire Marshal has toured the GMHS building and is very pleased with the progress of the work.

Keith Parent predicted that the 6th grade may have to stay at the Edward Fenn a little longer.

c. Formal Approval of Change Order 12, Phase I

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to approve Change Order 12 for Phase I. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

d. School Board Self-Assessment

The self assessment form was reviewed and discussed. The completed forms are due back by December 30, 2009.

e. Child Bearing Leave Request

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to approve Kelly Gagnon's request for childbearing leave. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

f. Retirement Request for June 2010

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the retirement request with regret, from Ingrid Graff and Shelly Burcalow. It was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.

g. Retirement Request for June 2010

(see VIII. f.)

h. Calendar 2009-2010

Paul Bousquet briefly discussed his proposed calendar for the 2009 - 2010 academic year.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to approve the proposed calendar. It was seconded by Anne Hill; six in favor, two opposed (Kathleen Kelley, Paul Partenope).

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- i. Request for Warrant March 2009 from Randolph Selectmen
The letter from the Randolph Selectmen was discussed.

Kathleen Kelley moved to include the article after review by DRA and the attorney; seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

IX. Board Committee Reports

- a. Transportation

The committee has drafted a survey which the board will review, in the future.

- b. Policy

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the first reading of the following new policies: ECF, EEAEA, GDS, IHAM, IHAM-R, IIB, IIC, and JICDD. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to accept the second reading and adoption of the following policies: AC, ACE, BEB, BEDC, BHE, EBBB, EEA, EEAE, EH, IF, IHBBA, IHBG, IMAH, and JEC. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Non Public Session if Needed – not needed.

XII. Next Regular Meeting January 20, 2009, in the GMHS Library (A tour of the Science Wing will be scheduled beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

XIII. Other – Kathleen Kelley reported that there will not be a need for an AVER representative as that group is currently reorganizing.

Jo reviewed the offices that are up for election - two Gorham representatives held by Anne Hill and Partenope; the Randolph at large seat held by Michelle Cormier; and the GRS at large seat held by Kathleen Kelley.

XIV. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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