

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 6:30pm
Minutes of Meeting
Gorham Middle High School Library

6:00 p.m. Several members of the public and local print journalists joined the tour of the newly completed science wing.

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Michele Cormier (6:41pm), Greg Corrigan (6:41pm), Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, Paul Parteno, and Julie St. Germaine (7:43pm)

Student Representative: Sarah Tremblay

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left at 7:14pm); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator (left at 8:08pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 7:14pm); Chad Miller, Technology Director (left at 7:14pm); 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 6:34 pm.

II. Public Comments

Angela Brown, speaking as a parent and citizen, commented on the recent trip the chorus took to Pembroke Academy. The students were exemplary representatives of Gorham High School.

III. Response to Intervention (RTI) Presentation EFS Staff

This will be addressed at the February board meeting.

IV. Written Communication

a. Thank you cards

Thank you cards (for the holiday gift cards) from teachers and staff were circulated around the meeting.

b. Attendance Report for the Board.

Angela Brown turned in the attendance report.

V. Consent Agenda

The following items were removed from V: None.

a. Approval of Minutes December 16, 2008

b. GRS Projected Enrollment Revised

c. Legislative Liaison Report

The chair declared all items in section V. as adopted.

VI. Student Council Representative Report

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Sarah Tremblay reported that the Student Council is planning the semiformal dance, and the winter carnival. The Humanitarian Committee will be holding their 'Hunger Banquet' tomorrow. There has been a great deal of positive feedback about the new science rooms.

VII. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.
The preschool screening report will be presented next month.

b. Maintenance Director's Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.
There was discussion about the President's stimulus grant application for alternative energy initiatives. Paul Bousquet processed and returned the application. Mr. Goyette submitted a list to the NHDOE.

Phase Two construction work is going well, and appears to be on schedule.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.
Ryan Fauteux asked the CARE group for some start-up money to begin the pavilion, his Senior Project. The group agreed to provide \$2000. Grant funding is being solicited, a dermatologist must support the grant effort, for this project. These grant funds will be awarded to projects that offer areas of shade.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

e. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was available to answer questions.
In answer to a question, Chad reported that there are 3 Smart Boards at the Ed Fenn, and 3 at the GMHS.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

a. Monthly Financial Report

Pauline Plourde reviewed her written report.

b. Budget 2009-2010 Final Draft

Pauline reviewed the budget draft.

c. Warrants 2009-2010 School District Report

Pauline reviewed the purposed list of warrant articles.

The budget and warrant hearing is Wednesday, January 28, at 7:00, at the Edward Fenn Cafeteria.

A member expressed an opinion that some members of the public are concerned about the need to purchase a new bus. Pauline informed the board that after the public hearing they have the latitude to make adjustments per the recommendations received at the meeting.

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A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to bring forward the proposed budget and warrant articles to the public hearing. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor.

IX. Superintendent's Report-Handout Provided

a. Building Update

Paul Bousquet updated the board as to the progress of the project. Demolition is almost done. Plumbing and concrete floors are coming along as the next step. Meridian hopes to open the new café after the April vacation. At that point they will begin work in the old cafeteria.

Paul and Pauline are carefully watching the bottom line. He hopes to keep the change orders to a minimum.

Paul reported that oil usage has dropped by 1700 gallons in the June to January time period compared to last year at the Edward Fenn. It will take several years to calculate what the actual savings is, taking into the account temperature and other factors.

b. GRSEF Alma Matters AD-Request for Funds

A motion was made by Carol Miller to approve the expenditure of \$100 for an ad in the Alma Matters. It was seconded by Kathleen Kelley; all in favor.

c. Acceptance of Bid for Removal of Buildings on Mechanic Street

Paul Bousquet reported his findings on the reference checks pertaining to Robert Hanson Excavating. The checks were all positive.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the bid made by Robert Hanson Excavating, in the amount of \$64,381.20, to remove the two houses on Mechanic Street, contingent on a positive vote at the 2009 District meeting to change the name and purpose of the existing Building Capital Reserve Fund. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

d. Board Self Assessment Discussion

Angela handed out the results of the board's self assessment survey.

The board will review its goals and self assessment at its next regular meeting.

A member suggested that when meetings are held in Gorham, it would be nice if those board members try to bring snacks for the meetings as it is done in Randolph and Shelburne as it is not unusual for board members to go straight to the meeting.

X. Board Committee Reports

a. Transportation

Kathleen Kelley reviewed the work of the committee. She said there will have to be a new chair of the committee, after she leaves the board. She suggests moving forward to find funding for software, to computerize the bus schedule. Her research suggests a savings of up to 15%, utilizing the software.

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It was the consensus of the board for the committee to continue its work. They will develop a survey. Debra Ackerman volunteered to take over as chair the committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, January 27, at 8 am, at the Edward Fenn School.

b. Policy

i. 2nd Reading Adoption New Policies ECF, EEAEA, JICDD, DS, IHAM, IHAM-R, IIB, IIC.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the second reading and adopt policies ECF, EEAEA, JICDD, GDS, IHAM, IHAM-R, IIB, and IIC. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

ii. Policy Revisions-IKF, EIB, IMBA and JIA

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the revisions and adoption of policies IKF, EIB, and IMBA. It was seconded by Carol Miller; all in favor.

A motion was made by Debra Ackerman to accept the first reading of JIA. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

The next meeting of the policy committee will be in April.

XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Non Public Session if Needed

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan at 8:46pm, to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II(c). It was seconded by Debra Ackerman.

The roll was called: 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 9:03 p.m.

No motions were entertained in non public session.

XIII. Next Meeting *Wednesday, January 28, 2009, Budget Hearing 7:00pm* Edward Fenn Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria

XIV. Next Regular Meeting February 17, 2009 in the Randolph Town Hall

XV. Other

- a. NHSBAPaul Partenope reported on the meeting of the NHSBA. One resolution submitted by the GRS Cooperative Board was adopted.**

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- b. **Can a Board Member Get Paid for Taking the Minutes? Policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest.** Several members of the board felt that they should not be paid for this if they are on the board. One member stated it is also difficult to fully participate in the meeting while taking minutes.
- c. **Annual District Report Cover Designs:** Paul Bousquet distributed a packet to each member, and asked that they submit their choice, via email. If a tie occurs then the board will ask to vote for the pictures that tied.
- d. **Committee Reports for Annual Report:** The following reports were requested for the Board Annual Report: Finance - Jo Carpenter; Policy and Legislative Liaison - Paul Partenope; Transportation, Alternative Funding, and AVER Education Task Force - Kathleen Kelley. Reports need to be to Angela Brown by Monday, January 26.
- e. **Next Transportation Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27, 8:00a.m. at the Edward Fenn Elementary School.
- f. **GMHS Chorus:** Will be singing at the St. Kieran's Showcase on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 2:00p.m.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. It was seconded by Carol Miller; all in favor.

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