

**Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2009, 7:00pm**  
**Continuation of Budget Hearing**

**Edward Fenn Elementary School**

**GRS Board Members Present:** Jo Carpenter, Michele Cormier, Greg Corrigan, Julie St. Germaine, Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, and Carol Miller

**Absent:** Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Kathleen Kelley, and Paul Partenope

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

**Public:** Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker); and other members of the public

**Press:** Gail Scott (BDS)

Agenda

**I. Call to Order**

After recessing the budget hearing of the GRS Cooperative School District on January 28, 2009, it was continued at 7:06 pm

**II. Public Comments**

It was suggested that the SAU investigate purchasing the house for sale adjacent to the GMHS school building, and converting it into the SAU offices.

**III. 2009-2010 Budget Presentation and Hearing**

Pauline Plourde reviewed the Phase 1 financials. She described the progress and goals of Phase 2.

There were questions about the scope of work pertaining to the Phases.

Pauline and Paul Bousquet presented proposed budget and warrant articles, for the upcoming fiscal year.

There was a suggestion that Administration approach the teachers' union with the goal of lowering or eliminating the contractual increases.

There was a suggestion that a professional negotiator be hired to represent the District in the next contract cycle.

It was suggested that the District forego the purchase of the new bus or withdraw some of it from the Bus Capital Reserve Fund.

**IV. Public Comment-** Discussed above.

**V. Other –** None

**VI. Adjournment**

The hearing was closed at 8:25 pm.

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