

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, Ron Ouellette, and Paul Partenope

Late Arrival:

Absent: Greg Corrigan, Carol Miller, Julie St. Germaine, and Mike Waddell

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn; Chad Miller, Technology Director (left at 7:28pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 7:28pm); and Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS

Public: Krysta Arguin (Student Representative) (left 7:28pm), Christine Lemoine (GMHS Guidance) (left 7:13pm), Naomi Levesque, 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

None

III. Written Communication

- a. A letter from Boy Scout Troop 202 that this weekend Robert Langlands will receive his Eagle Scout rank. Paul Bousquet has drafted a letter of congratulations from the board. It was passed around for review and signature.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Public/Nonpublic Minutes **October 20, 2009**
The following items were removed from IV: None
The Chair declared all items in Section IV as adopted.

V. Student Council Representative Report

Krysta Arguin reported that the student council is having a fund raiser on November 22nd, at Walmart. Next fund raiser after that will be December 12th. Basketball started today.

VI. District Administrators Reports

- a. SPED Director's Report
Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.
More details on the preschool screening will be in next month's report.
There was a brief discussion about the Life Skills program.
Medicaid total is now \$15,000.
- b. Maintenance Director Report
Dave Goyette was not present due to illness.
Paul Bousquet reported that after this past weekend's heavy rains the schools were dry.
A board member said the new performance space is great!
- c. EFS Principal's Report

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Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.
The illness absentee rate is beginning to decline.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

There was discussion about the growth of alcohol and drug experimentation, at gatherings outside of the school. Keith proposed a delay to the opening of school on December 11th, to give all HS faculty to meet together to plan an Awareness Day, to be held in January; to address this growing issue.

It was recommended that an anonymous tip line be established.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve a delayed opening of the GMHS on December 11th. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; all in favor.

i. Program of Studies

There were questions about the change(s) in the Business/Math, Architectural Design, and Topic in Music (Music Appreciation) courses.

There was a question about the new 20 credit curriculum. Keith felt the information would appear in the Handbook, as opposed to this Program of Studies. Several members expressed their opinion that the 20 credit program information also appear in this document.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve the first reading of the Program of Studies. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; all in favor.

Keith reported that the field trip to NYC was great.

e. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was available to answer questions.

There have been some problems with the wireless network being down. The problem has been solved. The volume of wireless devices has grown substantially over the years.

There were questions about the transaction fee surcharge for Café Services. Several people felt that the \$1.75 per transaction fee is excessive.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

a. Financial Report

Pauline Plourde reviewed her printed report for the board. The fund transfer for the bus purchase will show up in a future report. A new revised transfer schedule was circulated for signature.

b. Determine Meeting of Finance Committee

Only one member of the finance committee (Jo Carpenter) was present, so the meeting was not scheduled at this time.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

a. Building Update

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Paul Bousquet reported that all work is still not completed, so some funds are still being retained. Heating control systems are still being reviewed and discussed.

b. Calendar 2010-2011

The proposed GRS and Berlin (accepted) calendars are very similar.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve the calendar for 2010-2011. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor.

c. Holiday Recognition Staff

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to purchase \$20 gift cards from IGA for staff. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; all in favor.

d. Historic Enrollments

Paul said historic data is accurate, but future projections are 'an educated guess.'

e. Nominations

A motion was made by Steven Michaud to accept the nominations as presented. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

f. Regionalization/Cooperation Update

Paul will be meeting with the Berlin Superintendent next week to discuss further areas of cooperation and cost sharing. He felt the commonality of the calendars is a very good thing.

IX. Board Committee Reports

a. Policy-Second Reading , November 17, 2009-IHBAA,IHBAA-

R,~~DH~~,GBEBD,(JICDAA/GBEBB are related policies-attached) IKAD,IKAD-R,JICE-R,JICEA-R,KDC-R,JICK-R1,JICK-R2,~~JA~~-R,BEA,(EEAG,EEBB,EEAG-R,EEBB-R),(JICD-R, ~~JCD-1R~~)JICD-R2D2,JIH,JIH-R,BBBF,EDCA,GBEBB,GBGD,GBGD-R,DBJ.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the second reading and adoption of IHBAA, IHBAA-R, GBEBD, IKAD, IKAD-R, JICE-R, JICEA-R, KDC-R, BEA,(EEAG, EEBB, EEAG-R, EEBB-R), JIH, JIH-R, BBBF, EDCA, GBEBB, GBGD, GBGD-R, DBJ. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

b. Policy First Reading- November 17, 2009-IKCJF,JHCA,JICD,JIC,JICDAA,JJF,JJF-R,JLIA.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the first reading of IKCJF, JHCA, JICD, JIC, JICDAA, JJF, JJF-R, and JLIA. It was seconded by Angela Brown; five in favor, Anne Hill opposed.

c. Legislative Liaison

Paul Partenope reviewed his report.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Non Public Session

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A motion was made by Steven Michaud to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II A . It was seconded by Paul Partenoep; the roll was called:

Carpenter - Y, Brown - Y, Hill - Y, Michaud - Y, Ouellette - Y, and Partenoep – Y

XII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2009-Gorham Middle High School Library-6:30pm

XIII. Other

There was a suggestion that the Afterschool program also be involved with the Drug Awareness Day event. Naomi said she would be onboard for this and will forward information to the principal regarding related items that she is aware of.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Angela Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm. It was seconded by Paul Partenoep; all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

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