

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

Gorham Middle High School

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, chair; Angela Brown, Anne Hill, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine, Ron Ouellette, and Michael Waddell

Late Arrival:

Absent: Greg Corrigan (excused) and Steven Michaud (excused)

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn; David Goyette, Maintenance Supervisor; Chad Miller, Technology Director; Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services; and Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS;

Public: Krysta Arguin (Student Representative) (left 7:35pm), Sarah Kinney (left at 7:35pm), Sarah Clemmitt (GMHS Teacher) (left 7:04pm), 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 6:30 pm

II. Public Comments

None

III. Written Communication

a. NHSBA 2010 Resolutions

The resolution the board recommended was not approved. The delegate assembly is on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Paul Partenope expressed an interest to attend as the board's delegate.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to designate Paul Partenope as the delegate. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor

b. Thank you cards for the gift cards were circulated.

c. Carol Miller submitted her resignation from the board.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to accept Carol Miller's resignation with regret and congratulations on her new job. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

d. A letter was submitted by Sharyl Graham for the open slot for the board.

A motion was made by Angela Brown to appoint Sharyl Graham to the open board position that Debra Ackerman vacated. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Public/Nonpublic Minutes **November 17, 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 had its annual talent show this past weekend; held in the HS cafeteria. 200 people attended. The acts were separated into EFS and GMHS

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talent. The funds raised will go back into the coffers for future activities. Winter Carnival is next. Dates are TBA.

VI. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.

There was positive feedback about her report.

There was discussion about the relatively high number of children found to be 'in need' from the preschool screening.

Medicaid funding is coming in.

b. Maintenance Director Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

There was a discussion about the First Student bus transportation estimate. There was further conversation about alternative transportation.

All the bus diesel pre-heaters are running. There have been a few minor problems, with the programming. Savings in both diesel consumption and electricity will be realized.

The new GRS buses will be the first buses in the country to run in accordance to the 2010 emissions.

Injured custodian Suzanne Whitehouse will be back in late January.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

There was a brief discussion about the "Standards Based Report Card".

The recent community H1N1 flu clinic held at Edward Fenn was successful.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

Five students are going on an overnight science trip (maximum accepted) as observers.

Two students will be attending an overnight chorus trip.

All overnight trips will be chaperoned according to current policy.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve the overnight trips. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; all in favor.

i. Program of Studies Second Reading Adoption

There was a brief question and answer about the process of introducing the program to 8th graders. The twenty credit option will be included in the program of studies.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve the Program of Studies. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; six in favor, Julie St. Germaine abstained.

There was a discussion about parking fees for students. Keith was thanked for looking into the item and making his recommendation that fees not be charged to students.

There was discussion about the 2010 Intersession, January 27, 2010. Last Friday's teacher planning session went very well to plan this activity.

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There was a discussion about the PSAT testing. Approximately 60 students, Freshman through Junior were eligible to take the test. Keith expressed a desire that all Juniors be required to take the test. It costs \$13 to take the test.

The middle school band and chorus concert will be on Thursday, in the gymnasium.

- e. Technology Director's Report
Chad Miller was available to answer questions.
The ARRA technology grant answer has not come back yet.
The café transaction fee was discussed.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Budget 2010-2011(See Non-Public Below)
 - i. Possible Warrants 2010-2011

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Building Update
Paul Bousquet said it will cost \$129,000 for all the heating control work, at the GMHS. Paul wants to hear input from Yeaton and Banwell, before he moves forward. He will bring a recommendation to the board in the future. The amount remaining in the building bond is about the same amount.
The buildings continue to be dry. The roofs are sealed tight.
- b. Nominations
A motion was made by Angela Brown to approve the nominations as presented. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; all in favor.
- c. Regionalization/Cooperation Update
Paul will discuss this further when the board discusses the budget and warrant items later in the meeting. Discussions are ongoing with Errol, Milan, and Dummer regarding warrant items pertaining to a Coop study. There was discussion about how the new Berlin City Council will stand on this issue.

IX. Board Committee Reports

- a. Policy Second Reading Adoption- December 15, 2009-DIH, IKC, JF, JHCA, JICD, JIC, JICDAA, JJF, JJF-R, JLIA.
A motion was made by Paul Partenope to approve the second reading and adopt DIH, IKC, JF, JHCA, JICD, JIC, JICDAA, JJF, JJF-R, and JLIA. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.
- b. Policy First Reading- JJA-R, JRA, JICK.
A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the first reading of JJA-R, JRA, and JICK. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

X. Public Comments

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XI. Non Public Session

A motion was made by Michael Waddell to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II A at 7:50 p.m. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; the roll was called: Carpenter - Y, Brown - Y, Hill - Y, Ouellette - Y, Partenope – Y Julie St. Germaine-Y, and Waddell - Y

- a. Discussion of Budget 2010-2011-Staffing Issues

XII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2010-Randolph Town Hall-6:30pm

XIII. Other

The board was reminded that they will have to complete their School Board Self-Assessment; the form will be emailed to the members. They were also reminded they will have to complete the Superintendent Evaluation.

Angela reminded the Board regarding the School Board's Annual Report. Please send your committee's report to her as soon as possible.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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