

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 6:30 PM

Minutes of Meeting

Randolph Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Michele Cormier, Paul Partenope, Anne Hill, Kathleen Kelley, Steven Michaud, Greg Corrigan (6:45 PM), Carol Miller (6:45 PM), and Julie St. Germaine (7:40 PM)

Board Members Absent: Debra Ackerman

Student Representative: Sarah Tremblay

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn School; (left at 8:05) Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director/Transportation Coordinator (left at 8:05); Rebecca Hebert Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 8:05); Chad Miller, Technology Director (left at 8:05); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS (left at 8:05); and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Trish Walsh, Karen Moore, Lynda True Carter, Wendy Anderson, Meagan Merchant (all left at 6:55 PM) and Joyce Carlisle (minute taker).

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative Board was called to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Response to Intervention (RTI)

Karen Moore and Wendy Anderson gave a power point presentation to explain the process of RTI and the collaboration of all Ed Fenn School staff and their importance to the success of the program. Staff from the Ed Fenn School was present to offer support and answer any questions the board may have.

IV. Written Communication

NH School Board Association Scholarship Application – It is that time of year to apply for this scholarship. Anne Hill's daughter was a recipient last year.

Nomination for the NH School Board Award of Excellence -- Forms are available for this year.

Letter from a 9th grader on the poor quality of food served by Café Services at GMHS was read by the board chair. Paul will share the letter with Café Services.

V. Consent Agenda - The minutes were pulled from the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of January 20, 2009 meeting minutes and February 5, 2009 Hearing and Regular Meeting. **Greg Corrigan made a motion to approve minutes for the January 20th meeting as amended and to approve the February 5th meeting minutes as written; seconded by Anne Hill.** 7 in

favor; (3 abstained from Feb 5th meeting: Angela Brown, Kathleen Kelley, Paul Parteno).

VI. Student Council Representative Report – Sarah Tremblay reported the following:

The Winter Carnival is scheduled for the third week in March. The Student Council would like to invite school board members to attend some of the events.

Student Council would like to thank the School Board for their support of the Winter Carnival and especially the “Free Friday”; it is a very popular event with the students.

Student Council would like to request that a version of the questionnaire regarding a 4-day week go out to the students. Mr. Bousquet and Sarah will meet and revise a questionnaire.

A Board Member questioned the fact that the 4-day school week survey being sent out to parents was not sent out to staff. Some staff members were “livid” that they did not get an opportunity to fill out a survey. Mr. Bousquet will refine the survey for staff use and disseminate as soon as possible. He assured the Board that he was not trying to cause discord but only gathering data.

Student Council questioned whether student assistance would be needed at this year’s annual school board meeting carrying the microphones and babysitting? It was determined that both types of assistance would be appreciated.

Student Council proposed that students give tours of the new addition during the school meeting. The board supported the suggestion.

VII. District Administrators Reports

- a. *SPED Director’s Report* - Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions. Discussion was held on the parent workshop offered on January 27th.
- b. *Maintenance Director’s Report* - Dave Goyette was available to answer questions. Discussion was held on the possibility of stimulus money becoming available through DES to reimburse 50% of the cost of new (additional) bus which meets 2010 émission standards.
- c. *EFS Principal’s Report* - Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions. Fielded questions regarding the NECAP test results.
- d. *GMHS Principal’s Report* - Keith Parent was available to answer questions. He recognized Sarah Tremblay as the recipient of a National Scholarship Program sponsored by Coca-Cola. Sarah will receive \$10,000, which may increase to \$20,000. In addition, she will be attending a gathering of recipients in Atlanta this spring. He also discussed NECAP test results and SAT results. **A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to approve the Youth and Government and the All State Chorus trips to Concord; seconded by Steven Michaud. All in favor.**

The Wellness Committee will need a school board member to serve on the committee. Angela Brown and Anne Hill voiced interest. Further discussion will be held on the matter after the school board elections are held.

- e. *Technology Director's Report* - Chad Miller was available for questions. Discussion was held on the MMS software and the purchase of the computers for the new pre-engineering lab.

VIII. **Business Administrator's Report:**

Pauline Plourde reviewed her written report and answered the board's questions.

IX. **Superintendent's Report:** Handout Provided

- a. *Building Update*-Superintendent Bousquet gave a short update of the progress of Phase II of the building project.
- b. *Board Self Assessment Establish Goals for 2009-2010*. Discussion was held on future goals. Some ideas included working collaboratively with other schools and municipalities, "greening" of the school environment, and the possibility of contracting a professional negotiator for upcoming contract negotiations. Further discussion will be held on goals during the second May meeting when new board members are present.
- c. *April Meeting Date Conflict*- due to a conflict with the meeting and the Cabaret it was determined that the meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on April 14, 2009, instead of the usual 6:30 meeting time, to accommodate board members attending the first show of the Cabaret.

X. **Board Committee Reports**

- a. *Legislative Report* provided by Paul Partenoque who gave the board updates on some of the bills in the packet. **Motion was made by Angela Brown to adopt all recommendations as presented by the Legislative Committee except for House Bill 305; seconded by Kathleen Kelley. All in favor.**

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to support House Bill 305; seconded by Carol Miller. Majority voted against the motion with Michele Cormier in favor. Motion defeated.

A motion was made by Michele Cormier to support the recommendations of the board; see memo dated February 9, 2009, Re: Proposed Retirement System Legislation HB401, HB289, HB532, HB591, HB223 and HB673. seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

- b. *Transportation* - A discussion was held on the need for an additional Transportation Committee meeting prior to the May retreat. Further discussion tabled until the additional May meeting.
- c. *Policy* - **A motion was made by Kathleen Kelley to adopt the second reading of Policy JIA; seconded by Angela Brown. All in favor.**

- XI. **Public Comments** –no public comments
- XII. **Non Public Session if Needed** – None needed
- XIII. **Annual School District Meeting, Thursday, March 5, 2009, -7:00pm Gorham Middle High School Gym (Tours of Science Wing, 6:00p.m. to 6:45p.m.)**
- XIV. **Next Regular Meeting** March 17, 2009-Shelburne Town Hall-6:30pm
- XV. **Other** - Superintendent Paul Bousquet proposed the employment of Tina Saunders as Para at Ed Fenn. **A motion was made by Anne Hill to hire Tina Saunders as a Paraprofessional at Ed Fenn (position to be reimbursed by the Berlin School District); seconded by Greg Corrigan.** All in favor.

Jo Carpenter thanked Kathleen Kelley for all her years of service to the school board and the various other committees which she served on.

Jo Carpenter also thanked all members who wrote reports for the annual report.

Angela Brown proposed that in the future voting criteria be established and announced prior to voting on artwork for the annual report in the future. Mr. Bousquet explained that criteria would be used for next year's School District Report cover art work.

- XVI. **A motion was made by Steve Michaud to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM; seconded by Paul Partenope.** All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Carlisle