

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 6:30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan, Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine (6:52pm), and Mike Waddell

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

Public: Mike Brosnan (GMHS Teacher), Brittany Collia (GMHS Student), Chris Faro (Café Services), Katy Fuller (GMHS Student), Richard Girouard (Café Services), Rob Hamel (GMHS Teacher), Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker); Lisa Morais (GMHS Teacher), and Sarah Tremblay (Student Rep)

Press: None

I. Call To Order-Superintendent

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:31 pm, by Superintendent Paul Bousquet.

a. Nomination of Board Chair

Paul Partenope made a motion to nominate Jo Carpenter to serve as chair of the board. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

Jo Carpenter took over the chair of the meeting, at this point.

II. Public Comments - None

III. Laurence LeBlanc- Presentation Inaugural Activities - Rescheduled to April

IV. Mike Brosnan-Presentation Recent Trip to Europe - Mike Brosnan reported that the trip was 'great'. Sarah Tremblay will present a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting. She said the trip was so wonderful that she didn't want to come back home!

Students from Carlisle, England will be touring through this area in April.

V. Rob Hamel-Request trip to Greece-2009-2010 - Rob made a brief presentation about the proposed trip to Greece. It will be done by the same company that did the Italy trip. Students from Berlin and Laconia will be going along with the GMHS students. It will be a nine day trip; two days for travel. There is a fixed itinerary. The cost of the trip will be \$1821.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to approve Rob Hamel's request for the trip to Greece. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

VI. Written Communication

a. Student Letter Cafeteria concerns - The letter from Stephen St. Germaine was briefly discussed.

b. Letter from Bill Jackson - Mr. Jackson's letter was acknowledged

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- c. Student/Staff Four Day School Week Survey - The survey is still being compiled.

VII. Consent Agenda

The following items were removed from VII: a.

- a. Approval of Minutes February 17, 2009

There was discussion to correct items missing from the minutes.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to approve the minutes as amended. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

VIII. Student Council Representative Report

Students from the French class proposed a trip to Quebec. They plan to go in the first full week of April. The students will pay for the trip themselves.

A motion was made by Debra Ackerman to approve the trip. It was seconded by Anne Hill; 10 in favor, Julie St. Germaine abstained.

Winter Carnival is going on this week.

IX. Café Services-Discussion regarding student letter sent to the Board

Chris Faro and Richard Girouard presented the need and process for a Food Service Committee. Feedback from students is discussed, as well as future menus and recipes. Nine students showed up for today's first meeting.

Chris and Richard brought a number of menu items for the board to sample. They discussed quality and health standards of the offerings. They expressed their wish for student complaints to be voiced right when a problem is experienced, not later.

Keith Parent said he's very pleased with the immediate attention that Café Services pays to issues and concerns.

X. District Administrators Reports

- a. SPED Director's Report - Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.

i. March, April, May, and June Medicaid figures are still pending.

ii. Parent workshops are available for all SAU20 and SAU3 parents.

iii. A question about Federal stimulus funds was raised. Becky doesn't know at this point how much or when funds will come forth. Paul Bousquet added that he does not know at this time what the process will be for acquiring the funds.

- b. Maintenance Director's Report - Dave Goyette was not in attendance, family business. There was a question about the size of the EFS generator propane tank. Paul Bousquet will find it out and report back at a future meeting.

- c. EFS Principal's Report - Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions. The Saladino fund raiser presented EFS with a check for \$1400. A digital camera and projection board will be purchased with the money.

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- d. GMHS Principal's Report - Keith Parent was available to answer questions. There will be an a capella choir concert from Plymouth State University tomorrow at 10am, at the GMHS. The HS chorus and band performed at the North Country Music Festival up in Berlin last week.
- e. Technology Director's Report - Chad Miller was not in attendance, sick child.

A question was asked if the \$4500 earmarked for the refurbished lab computers is the best use of the funds. Karen Cloutier felt it was a proper use of the funds.

Karen explained how the new short throw projectors work and how much better they work than the traditional projectors.

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Monthly Financial Report
Pauline Plourde reviewed her written report. There was Q&A about various line items.

A motion was made by Carol Miller to approve all the proposed line item transfers. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor.

There was further discussion about the fund balance. It was suggested that the Finance Committee meet again before the end of the fiscal year.

A 5 minute recess was taken at 7:55 pm.

XII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Building Update - Paul Bousquet reported on the progress of the building project.

Meridian is going to donate the funds to pay for the Senior Chem Free dinner. Tim Long is looking for a vehicle to donate for the raffle.

- b. Nomination of Board Vice Chair, Secretary, Committees
A motion was made by Debra Ackerman nominating Angela Brown for the position of Vice Chair of the Board. Angela declined the nomination.

A motion was made by Anne Hill nominating Angela Brown for the position of Secretary of the Board. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope nominating Greg Corrigan as Vice Chair of the Board. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

Policy Committee: Angela Brown, Anne Hill, Carol Miller, and Paul Partenope

Transportation Committee: Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, and Ron Ouellette

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Finance Committee: Jo Carpenter, Greg Corrigan, Carol Miller, Julie St. Germaine, and Mike Waddell

Legislative Committee: Debra Ackerman, Greg Corrigan, Steven Michaud, Paul Partenope, and Julie St. Germaine

Wellness Committee Reps: Angela Brown and Anne Hill

- c. Nomination of School District Clerk-Up to two years
A motion was made by Carol Miller nominating Grace LaPierre for the position of District Clerk for two years. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.
- d. Nomination of Teaching, Administration and Support Staff
A motion was made by Carol Miller to approve the nominations as proposed. It was seconded by Steve Michaud; 10 in favor, Greg Corrigan abstained.

Amanda Bradford has submitted her letter of resignation.

A motion was made by Carol Miller to accept Amanda Bradford's resignation. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

- e. Board Signing of Ethics Statement-Included in packet
Paul Bousquet passed around the form for signing.
- f. Official Motion Allowing Superintendent to pursue oil pricing for 2009-2010 lock in below \$2.00 per gallon if possible
A motion was made by Greg Corrigan allow the Superintendent to pursue oil pricing, below \$2/gallon, for the District for the 2009 – 2010 season. It was seconded by Anne Hill; 10 in favor, Paul Partenope abstained

The biomass boiler negotiations are still ongoing.

- g. New Board Member Orientation April 14, 2009, **6:00pm**, GMHS Library
- h. Date for May Work Session - The regular GRS Board meeting is May 19, which will be the work session. The meeting will be at the GMHS.

The SAU20 meeting is May 14 in Milan.

- i. Other - Josh Kernan came in 4th at the Sunday River Ski NCAA Downhill Ski Championship.

XIII. Board Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Report - Paul Partenope distributed a written report. Next month's report will be part of the consent agenda.
- b. Transportation - Debra Ackerman reviewed the written report.

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c. Policy - The policy committee had nothing to report.

XIV. Public Comments - None

XV. Non Public Session if Needed - None needed.

XVI. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2009-GMHS-7:00pm

XVII. Other

Debra Ackerman reported that Cub Scouts have been reformed in Gorham.

There was a question about the Building and Ground's Capital Reserve. It was explained that before any payment is made out of this fund, the School Board must hold a public hearing advertising the meeting.

The board member orientation was stressed as an important event to attend.

XVIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carol Miller to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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