

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7:00pm
Minutes of Meeting

Gorham Middle High School Library

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Debra Ackerman, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan (7:07pm), Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, Carol Miller, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine, and Michael Waddell

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent (arrived at 7:35pm); Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left at 7:57pm); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Director; Chad Miller, Technology Director (left at 7:57pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left at 8:18pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS (left at 8:18pm); and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker), Jay Tolman (NEA NH Union Rep) Helen Jolin (GRS Custodian/Bus Driver) Sue Whitehouse(Support Staff Union President Bus Driver/Custodian) (Jay, Helen and Sue left at 9:30pm), and Sarah Tremblay (Student Rep) (left at 9:30pm)

Press: None

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Laurence LeBlanc-Inauguration Presentation - Rescheduled for May

IV. Written Communication

Jo reviewed the written communications and added a few details.

The SAU20 meeting has been rescheduled for May 12, in Milan.

- a. School Approval Status
- b. Size of Propane Tank-EFS Generator
- c. Drop Out Data
- d. NHSBA School Board Member Orientation
- e. NHSBA Teacher Dismissal at your Fingertips- for Board Chair
- f. Coos County Commissioner Funds

A member expressed their concern that unincorporated towns don't pay their fair share of education for the students who reside within them. They asked how much money was returned to the unincorporated from the Forest fund.

- g. Carsey Institute Youth Aspirations Survey

V. Consent Agenda

The following items were removed from V: None

- a. Approval of Minutes March 17, 2009
- b. Legislative Report

The chair declared all items in V. as accepted.

VI. Student Council Representative Report

Sarah Tremblay reported that winter carnival was a huge success. The French 4 class went to Quebec and had a great time. The senior class is having a pancake breakfast this Sunday at the American Legion.

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VII. District Administrators' Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.

Rebecca reported that the numbers haven't changed too much. The composition has changed slightly with more preschool and younger students needing special educational focus.

b. Maintenance Director's Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

A member suggested that Dave contact the prison for extra help, cleaning out the houses slated for demolition. It was suggested that citizens might be willing assist with moving items out of the houses as well.

Bus inspections are later than it has been in the past. Dave said that the State wanted the weather to improve before having to crawl under the buses.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

Some suggestions were made to the content of the handbooks.

There was discussion about curriculum, specifically Elaine Stockbridge's section on the Oregon Trail and the Civil War.

The survey was discussed. 26% of the surveys were returned.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the first reading of the handbook. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

Students will be taking private cars to the prom this year. The students picked Wildcat Mt. Lodge after checking numerous venues.

Interviews for Joan Merrill's position will begin tomorrow. Applicants have come from all around the world.

There was discussion about Extended Learning Opportunities.

1. Keri Wade's Overnight Request

A motion was made by Steven Michaud to approve both the overnight trips requested by Carlotta Thompson and Keri Wade. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman; all in favor.

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- e. Technology Director's Report
Chad Miller was available to answer questions.

There was discussion about the new wireless service in the Science wing. There was also discussion about security of the equipment in the EFS server room.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Monthly Financial Report
Pauline Plourde reviewed her written report.
- b. RFP Food Service Provider
April 27th is a walk through for potential bidders. May 14th is when the packages are due back.
- c. March 2008 Remaining Bond Funds-Next Steps
Pauline and Paul Bousquet discussed the next steps regarding the bond funds. Funds will be turned over to the District on May 29th. Uncommitted funds may be spent on other pending needs IE repointing brickwork, window replacement, etc.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- a. **Non-Public Session-Grievance GRS Cooperative Support Staff**
A motion was made by Carol Miller to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3ll A and C at 8:16 p.m. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; the roll was called: Ackerman – Y, Waddell – Y, Hill – Y, Michaud – Y, Ouellette – Y, Brown – Y, Miller – Y, Carpenter - Y, Partenope - Y, St. Germaine – Y, Corrigan – Y.

The Board returned to public session at 9:25p.m.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the grievance as offered before us. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all board members voted in the negative, unanimous vote, no abstentions, motion failed.

Greg Corrigan asked that it be noted that there was no violation of the contract.

- b. Building Update
Paul Bousquet discussed the progress of the project.

Loading dock concrete has been poured. Mudding and taping of drywall is ongoing. June 1st is a potential date of completion, though it may not be realistic. If the space were available by the 11th so that a school wide hotdog and hamburger barbeque for students and staff were to be held that would be a great way to end the year. Hopefully the space will be available by Friday, June 12th for chemfree dinner.

There have been a couple of change orders that have been approved as per policy, for new doors and windows.

NEASC has said they will remove the probationary status, once the project is completed and they receive confirmation from Mr. Parent.

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The houses slated for removal have tested acceptable for low lead content. This will mean the cost of removal will not be inflated due to lead content.

- c. Nomination-GMHS Life Skills Teacher-Christina Binette
Paul Bousquet highly recommends this nomination.
A motion was made by Angela Brown to approve the nomination of Christina Binette at Bachelor's step one salary. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.
- d. Maternity Leave Request-Amanda Lavigne
A motion was made by Carol Miller to approve the maternity leave of Amanda Lavigne. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.
- e. Retirement Request-Jeanne Dorman
A motion was made by Carol Miller to accept the retirement request of Jeanne Dorman, with regret. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.
- f. Meeting Schedule 2009-2010-Approval
The proposed meeting schedule of next year was presented and discussed. It was suggested that the schedule for signature for vouchers be included as well.

A motion was made by Angela Brown to approve the meeting calendar. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.
- g. Mechanic Services Letter from John Moulis
The letter regarding bus repair was discussed. Paul Bousquet will send a correspondence to the Berlin School Board regarding the cancellation of maintenance services and a current contract for those repair services.
- h. International Woodfuels Update
Paul Bousquet discussed the current situation regarding the Woodfuels proposal. In light of the current circumstances, Paul Bousquet recommends that the GRS withdraw from any further negotiations.

Paul said that he would continue to look for alternative fuel sources to heat the schools. Coal was suggested.

Oil has been locked in at \$1.93 per gallon and will be payable when delivered.

X. Board Committee Reports

- a. Transportation
 - i. Meeting Minutes and Survey
Angela discussed the most recent meeting of the committee. The committee would like to post the survey online.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the survey. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor

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Next meeting of the committee will be May 13 at 7 pm, location TBD.

b. Policy

There is nothing to report at this time. The SAU is working to update the online version of the policy posting.

XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Non Public Session if Needed

XIII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2009-GMHS-6:30pm-Work Session

XIV. Other

a. Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-9

Paul Bousquet proposed purchasing some chocolates and a card from the board, as a gift to the teachers. The board agreed by consensus.

b. It was reported that the House has eliminated \$83.3 million in School Building Aid.

A motion was made by Angela Brown to allow Paul Partenope to contact members of the Senate and express the board's concern to restore State Building Aid. It was seconded by Debra Ackerman.

c. Angela Brown volunteered to be the Randolph representative to hand out diplomas at graduation.

XV. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

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