

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Monday, June 29, 2009, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

SAU 20 Conference Room
Family Resource Center 2nd Floor

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan, Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine, and Mike Waddell

Absent: Debra Ackerman and Carol Miller

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator

Public: Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker),

Press: None

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:35 pm

II. Board Ice Breaker

A Personal Interaction Inventory was distributed for Board members to fill out. The totals were calculated and reported for Pauline Plourde to post on the board.

III. Why are you a GRS Board Member?

Paul Bousquet asked each member of the Board to say why they are on the Board. Paul and Pauline Plourde had the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions about their jobs.

IV. Review of December 2005-Five Year Plan

The 'Previous Values and Goals page' from December 2005 was discussed. Paul Bousquet explained various terms and abbreviations; discussing the progress or lack thereof for each of the listed items.

Board members discussed their impressions of these points. A focused discussion was ongoing.

Renewal of previous and new goals was discussed. Paul said he has asked teachers to create a student data base to have real time access to student's records.

It was noted that technology is essential to implement any future goals and initiatives

It was decided to not review and discuss every existing item, but rather identify new or important existing points to clarify or restate.

Where are we headed for the next five years?

- Access Student Data
- Technology Usage
- Communications
- Personal Learning Plan
- Facilities
- Regionalization
- Student population changes

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Values

- Project as important as process in learning
- Arts and music
(A member expressed their concern about the cuts in the music program at the EFS. They asked for data from the Superintendent pertaining to the availability of the music program)
- Academic Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship
- The World is Bigger than Gorham/Randolph/Shelburne
- Critical Thinkers
- Safety – Physical/Emotional/Spiritual

Challenges

- Communication with Home/School/etc
- Positive Relationships
- Maintaining Facilities/Upgrade substantial areas (5/10 year plan w/ costs)
- Adaptability – Student population enlarging of the Coop
- Funding Technology/State/Federal/Adequacy/Living within our means w/ student needs as a driving force

V. Transportation Issues

The survey results were discussed and deliberated.

Board members were reminded that administration makes all decisions regarding bus routes.

The recommendations will be relayed to David Goyette by Paul Bousquet.

It was suggested that a comparison to other districts be done.

A citizen asked some questions and expressed their opinions regarding the survey results and recommendations.

VI. Goals 2009-2010

- a. Collaboration with other Boards**
- b. Energy Efficiency**
- c. Teacher Contract**
- d. Other**

All items in Section VI. Were tabled until the August and/or September meeting.

VII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2009-Shelburne Town Hall-6:30pm

VIII. Other

Paul reported that the Milan Board is sending a letter, asking to join the Coop. A letter will be forthcoming to the GRS Board, as well as the Berlin City council.

The Federal grant for bus purchase has been approved, enabling the District to purchase two buses for the cost of one, and eight heaters for the buses.

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Paul Bousquet reported that due to a contractual agreement, the District will have Munces top off the oil tanks, though he had hoped to avoid it.

Paul announced that he plans on holding a dedication ceremony and cookout to celebrate the completion and opening of the new GMHS cafeteria.

Paul brought forth two nominations for paraprofessionals.

A motion was made by Steven Michaud to accept the nomination of Natalie Delisle and Kirstan Lukasak as paraprofessionals. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

IX. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

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