

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting
Randolph Town Hall

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

Absent: Michael Waddell

Administration: Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator, Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn; Dan Gorham, Assistant Principal; Dave Goyette, Maintenance Supervisor; Chad Miller (left 8:22pm), Technology Director; Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services; and Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS;

Public: Krysta Arguin (Student Representative) (left 7:52pm), Linda Jensen (GMS Teacher) (left 7:10pm), Amanda Lavigne (GMS Teacher) (left 7:10pm), Naomi Levesque, Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker) (left 8:30pm), Kris Sjoström (GMS Teacher) (left @ 7:10pm)

Press: None

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS school board was called to order at 6:36 pm.

II. Public Comments

Jo welcomed Sharyl Graham as the newly appointed Gorham Board member representative. Introductions took place.

The three teachers addressed their concerns regarding the restructuring of the middle school by eliminating a teaching position due to a decline in enrollment, as well as, budgeting concerns. They distributed a printed packet to the board for review and discussion. A member of the public expressed several concerns regarding the reduction of a 6th grade faculty. They suggested that the administration and board consider returning the 6th grade back to the EFS.

III. Written Communication

a. Annual Report Cover Vote

This item will be reviewed and considered at the budget hearing meeting.

b. Thanks You cards

Cards were circulated around.

c. Education Week

Copies of the publication were offered to members.

d. Resignation

Greg Corrigan made a motion to accept Terry Bunch's resignation as Varsity Girls Basketball coach (with regret). It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

e. Quarterly attendance report.

Angela Brown submitted the report to the chair.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Public/Nonpublic Minutes December 15, 2009

The following items were removed from IV: None

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The Chair declared all items in Section IV as adopted.

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Student Council Representative Report

Krysta Arguin reported that there will be a meeting this week for Winter Carnival, which will be held during the week of March 15 – 19th. A letter was written by Mr. Hamel's literature class, regarding fundraising for Haiti relief efforts. A copy was shared with the board.

A motion was made by Anne Hill to allow the basketball receipts for the rest of January (three games) to be donated to Haiti relief effort (Doctors Without Borders and/or the American Red Cross), and encourage the students to do additional fund raising. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

It was requested the amount raised be reported back to the board.

V. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.

There were some questions and answers about her report. A member asked how the district compares to the State averages provided in her report. He also commented that the State Board of Education is going beyond the current SPED laws as required by the Federal law.

b. Maintenance Director Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

Dave said he would like to start replacing the bus radios gradually in order to mitigate the budget impact. The total cost to replace the repeater is \$3000 to \$4000, which would be shared by member towns.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

There was a brief discussion about the RIT program. There was discussion about how data is tabulated and shared. There was discussion about the music program regarding the proposed cuts in staff time. A board member asked for assurance that the music program would not be negatively impacted.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Steve Michaud to approve the overnight trips for the Leader in Prevention and Youth and Government programs. It was seconded by Anne Hill; nine in favor, Ron Ouellette abstained.

Keith responded to the questions regarding the proposed music staffing reductions. He said the State minimum standard would still be met.

The drug awareness day will be February 3rd. Travis Roy will be the guest speaker.

e. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was available to answer questions.

i. Technology Appropriations-Board Approval

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A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to approve the appropriation of \$83,010 for technology equipment, requiring a monthly report of expenditures, schedule of deployment, and future planning. It was seconded by Anne Hill; nine in favor, Ron Ouellette opposed.

Several board members expressed a concern that there appears to be no long range plan for technology. Chad said he did have one, but it was reaching the end of its timeline. Chad will Email the technology plan to the board.

VI. Business Administrator's Report

Pauline Plourde reviewed her budget report

- a. Acceptance of 2010-2011 Fuel Oil Bid

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the bid from CN Brown for fuel oil @ \$2.3615/gallon. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

Ben Mayerson left at 8:30 p.m.

- b. Acceptance of Health Insurance Bid

Discussion and review of the proposals are currently in process with other members of the group. To be approved at next Wednesday's meeting after the budget hearing.

- c. Budget 2010-2011

- i. Possible Warrants 2010-2011-Board Approval

At 9:05, Paul Partenope moved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes; seconded by Angela Brown; nine in favor with Anne Hill opposed.

Paul Partenope moved to add the Evergreen clause article to the warrant; seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor with Angela Brown opposed.

The board listened to the rationale of adding the article. It is a non-monetary and non-binding article.

Anne Hill moved to utilize \$50,000 from the fund balance to pay for the purchase of the ARRA bus and remove article 8 from the warrant; seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor, Julie St. Germaine abstained.

Pauline informed the board that the budget presented for review and discussion had the money removed from it therefore no further reductions was made.

Greg Corrigan moved to remove articles 12 and 13 (regionalization study); seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the warrant articles as presented with the addition of the language on the Evergreen Clause provided by the NH School Board Association and removal of articles on

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regionalization. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor with Angela Brown opposed.

A motion was made by Steve Michaud to accept the budget to be presented at the public hearing as amended with an increase of \$35,100 for an out-of-district placement. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor with Angela Brown opposed.

Pauline reviewed the restructuring plan with the Board and answered questions related to the budget. The board requested that a press release be issued prior to the public hearing in order to inform the public of the anticipated changes.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Paul Bousquet was absent due to illness; Pauline was available to answer questions about Paul's report.

a. Building Update-Control System Approval

Upon close scrutiny of the bids, it was decided to postpone a recommendation at this time in order to protect the district as the bids are not apples to apples. An update will be presented at the next meeting.

b. Regionalization/Cooperation Update

Paul included a report of the status of regionalization efforts between area schools.

c. Nominations

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to approve the nominations as presented for the Ed Fenn and GMHS. It was seconded by Steve Michaud; all in favor.

VIII. Board Committee Reports

a. Policy Second Reading/Adoption-JJA-R, JRA, JICK.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to approve the second reading and adoption of policies JJA-R, JRA, JICK. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

b. Policy First Reading JICD-R1, JICD-R2, JICD-R3.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the first reading of policies JICD-R1, JICD-R2, JICD-R3. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

c. Legislative Liaison Report

Paul Partenope reported that he will have legislative information ready for a meeting of the Legislation Committee in February.

IX. Public Comments

None

X. Non Public Session

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A motion was made by Steve Michaud to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II (a and c) . It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; the roll was called:

Carpenter - yes, Brown - yes, Corrigan – yes, Julie St. Germaine- yes, Graham – yes, Hill - yes, Michaud – yes, Ouellette - yes, and Partenope – yes.

a. Student Issue

A motion was made in non public session.

XI. Next Meeting GRS Cooperative 2010-2011 Budget Hearing-Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gorham Middle High School Cafeteria.

XII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2010-Shelburne Town Hall-**6:30pm**

XIII. Other

Paul Partenope reported on the delegate assembly he attended.

XIV. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Benjamin Mayerson and Angela Brown, board secretary