

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Gorham Middle High School Library

6:30 P.M.

Present

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

Administration: Keith Parent, Principal of GMHS; Karen Cloutier (left 9:00 pm), Principal of Ed Fenn School; Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny (left 9:00 pm), Co-Director of Special Education Services; David Goyette (left 9:00 pm), Director of Maintenance; Dan Gorham, Vice Principal GMHS/Athletic Director; Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator.

Public: Linda Montminy (left 9:00 pm), Student Council Representative; Linda Jensen (left 9:00 pm), Christine Lemoine (left 9:00 pm), Sarah Clemmitt (left 9:00 pm), Matthew Saladino (left 9:00 pm), Clare Fox, & Naomi Levesque.

- I. **Call To Order-** Jo Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM
- II. **Public Comments-** Claire Fox posed two questions to the board. One, if student numbers in the lower grades remain constant next year what are the plans for staffing? Two, how is the proposed \$500 million reduction of state funding going to impact the GRS?
- III. **Written Communication**
 - a. **Request to Retire-**Brenda Lauze
 - b. **Request to Retire-**Cecile Clark
A motion was made by Bruce Larry to accept the requests for retirement from Brenda Lauze and Cecile Clark with deep regrets. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor. Motion approved.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes-October 19, 2010.** Paul Parteno requested the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.
A motion was made by Paul Parteno to accept the minutes with the revisions as proposed. It was seconded by Anne Hill, ten in favor with Greg Corrigan abstaining. Motion approved.
- V. **Student Council Representative Report-** Linda Montminy reported that the GMHS Student Council plans to hold the Talent Show on Dec. 11, 2010, the Semi-formal on January 29, 2011 with a Winter Wonderland theme, and the Harlem Rockets are going to be visiting GMHS on April 1, 2011.
- VI. **District Administrators Reports**
 - a. **SPED Director's Report-** Becky Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.
 - b. **Maintenance Director's Report-** David Goyette was available to answer questions. He briefed the board on the faulty coil which caused a pipe to burst in the cafeteria/music room wing. The damage and the solution were discussed.

The GRS Cooperative School Board meeting was recessed at 6:47 PM in order to hold the SAU School Board meeting as scheduled.

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- c. EFS Principal's Report- Karen Cloutier announced that the Veterans Day Assembly was very well attended by the public and she commended the students on doing a very good job producing the assembly. The "Make It and Take It" parent/child workshops were well received and attended.
- d. GMHS Principal's Report- Sarah Clemmitt, high school science teacher, was present to request permission to take five juniors to UNH on an overnight trip for the High School Science Convention on March 24 & 25, 2011. She reported that the students who attended last year as observers took a great deal away from the experience. The students will attend as observers again this year with the intention of possibly being presenters in future years.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to approve Sarah Clemmitt's request to take five students to the High School Science Convention on an overnight trip. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; all in favor. Motion approved.

Keith Parent provided a recap of what happened with last year's senior class graduation rate.

Program of Studies was reviewed and once again Matthew Saladino, Middle School Guidance Councilor, and Christine Lemoine, High School Guidance Councilor, were available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to approve the Program of Studies with the corrections as noted. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor. Motion approved.

Matthew Saladino, Middle School Guidance Councilor; Christine Lemoine, High School Guidance Councilor; and Linda Jensen, Middle School teacher; were all available to answer questions to the Middle School restructuring study and recommendation. It was outlined and discussed in depth.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

- a. Monthly Financial Report- State formula has changed regarding how the vocational tuition for the high school is set without notification. She reported that the State is going from 25% of the set tuition cost to 40%. Berlin was able to request the change be made back to 25% for this year only. Pauline was available to answer questions on the budget. Discussion pursued on health insurance.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Cooperation with Berlin- Permission to proceed with Girl's Ice Hockey Agreement with Berlin
A motion was made by Stephen Michaud to allow Superintendent Paul Bousquet to submit the paperwork to NHIAA to allow GMHS students to play on the Berlin High Girls Hockey team. It was seconded by Bruce Lary; ten in favor. Julie St Germaine abstained. Motion approved. It was discussed that parents will be responsible for all fees.
- b. Nominations for Co-curricular activity positions was presented
A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the nominations as proposed. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; all in favor. Motion approved.

- c. Focused Monitoring Update
- d. GRS Cooperative School District-Articles of Agreement
 - i. Population of Towns
- e. GRS Budget Process Update-Discussion

IX. Board Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Liaison Report- Paul Partenope briefed the board on the Legislative progress.
- b. Policy Committee First Reading- JFAB, JICDD, JKAA, JICK, JFABD-R1,JFABD-R2,JFABD-R3. Discussion was held. **A motion was made by Bruce Lary to accept the first reading of the JFAB, JICDD, JKAA, JICK, JFABD-R1, JFABD-R2, JFABD-R3 as presented. It was seconded by Stephen Michaud. All in favor. Motion approved.**
- c. Policy Committee-Second Reading/Adoption-EBBD,IHBA-R,IHBG **A motion was made by Paul Partenope made to accept and adopt the second reading of the following policies: EBBB, IHBA-R, IHBG. Bruce Lary second, all in favor.**
- d. Policy Committee-Revisions-GBCD, GDB, JKA. **Paul Partenope made the motion to accept and adopt the revisions of the GBCD, GDB, JKA policies. Bruce Lary second. All in favor.**

X. Public Comments- None

XI. Non Public Session - A motion was made by Bruce Lary to go into Non-Public Session at 9:02 pm under RSA 91-A:311 C & E. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; the roll was called: Stephen Michaud-yes, Ron Ouellette-yes, Sharyl Graham-yes, Jo Carpenter-yes, Bruce Lary-yes, Paul Partenope-yes, Julie St. Germaine-yes, Michael Waddell-yes, and Anne Hill-yes

- a. Negotiations Update
- b. Budget 2011-2012-Staffing

XII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2010-Gorham Middle High School-6:00 P.M.

XIII. Other – The practice of giving gift cards to staff for Christmas was discussed. Due to tight economic times it was decided to buy gift basket goodies for each school. A motion was made by Anne Hill to purchase gift baskets for the Edward Fenn, Middle School and High School with a not to exceed limit of \$300. All in favor. Motion approved.

XIV. Adjournment – Motion made by Anne Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm; seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carlisle
Minute Taker