

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

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

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left 9:00pm); Dave Goyette, Maintenance Supervisor (left 7:30pm); Chad Miller, Technology Director (left 7:30pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left 9:00pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator.

Public: Claire Fox (left 8:39pm), Naomi Levesque (left 9:00pm), and Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker) (left 9:00pm)

Press: None

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:32 pm

II. Public Comments

None

III. Written Communication

a. School Board Self Assessment Survey

Three assessments have not been returned. There was a brief discussion about the tabulation. One member expressed a wish to discuss the items prior to the evaluation being filled out.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Public/Nonpublic Minutes **January 19, 2010** and **January 27, 2010** Annual Budget Hearing.

The following items were removed from IV: None

The Chair declared all items in Section IV as adopted.

V. Student Council Representative Report

Krysta Arguin was not present.

VI. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.

i. Data Request Enclosed

Becky was asked for her impressions pertaining to the NH SPED laws that exceed Federal Law. There was a discussion about the laws and how they are enacted within this district. Paul Bousquet said that the district exceeds the laws in almost all cases. He credited the thorough work done by Becky and Steve Gordon.

b. Maintenance Director's Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

There was a question about the load capacity of the EFS generator.

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There was a brief discussion about the using cell phones vs. radios. Dave's research shows that radios would be much more cost effective than cell phones.

Dave is working on reposting the Drug-Free Zone signs.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

There was a discussion about the test score results. Karen felt the third grade is a 'concern group'. She says there are additional resources being put in place to support this group, (RTI, Title I). The Everyday Math program is being reviewed for possible changes/improvements. The fifth grade writing component came in too late to be included in this report. The AYP status is pending.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

Keith will report NECAP scores next month. He is disappointed with some of the scores, specifically reading comprehension. He feels the students need more Non-Fiction reading to do better.

Students going to Greece are leaving Thursday morning. 14 students are going; all girls. Sharon Hamel is going to chaperone the GMHS students.

There was a brief discussion about the Intersession. Keith commended the speakers. A press release did appear in The Berlin Reporter last week. He distributed the student Evaluation Summary.

Girl basketball is playing tonight.

There was Q/A about the wellness report.

GMHS alumni Natalie Delisle has been interviewed for the music position. She is currently a paraprofessional in Milan. She will begin the job right after vacation.

e. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was available to answer questions.

The technology plan was sent out via Email this morning. The State reimbursement for the equipment is 57% as opposed to the 47% published in the report.

There was discussion about the deployment schedule of the new purchases and software upgrades.

VII. Business Administrator's Report

Pauline Plourde was available to answer questions and reviewed her report.

a. Copier Bid Recommendation

After extensive research and board discussion the recommendation was to go with Porter Office Machines out of North Conway in order to support local businesses.

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A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to accept the bid from Porter Office Machines of North Conway, NH. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

Paul Bousquet said there will be a tighter calculation of the year end fund balance.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Paul Bousquet was available to answer questions.

The press release should be appearing in the Berlin Reporter soon.

He reviewed is fee schedule report.

There was a discussion about the status of the heating control project. Paul is still working with David Laurin to identify what is the best course of action to take. There were questions about the price of work done by Yeaton to date. Paul feels the increase in price is due to the addition of the EFS to the scope of work. It was suggested that McGill Engineering in Danville, VT be contacted for another bid.

A motion was made by Michael Waddell for Paul Bousquet to contact McGill Engineering. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; nine in favor, Sharyl Graham was not in the room for the vote.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to nominate Diane Brodeur-Fossa for the Life Skills Teacher (at the EFS) for next year. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

A motion was made by Michael Waddell to accept the grant from the National Forest Reserve Fund for \$9,001.56 for books and multi-media supplies and equipment to benefit the students of the GRS Cooperative District. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

Paul relayed the highlights of the Berlin City Council meeting last night. He said the mayor and council spoke very positively about cooperation and moving forward together.

All proposed budgets for FY 2010-2011 in the SAU have seen a decrease from the prior year.

IX. Board Committee Reports

- a. Policy Second Reading/Adoption:
JICD-R1, JICD-R2, JICD-R3.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to accept the second reading and adopt policies JICD-R1, JICD-R2, and JICD-R3. It was seconded by Anne Hill; eight in favor, Michael Waddell opposed, Ron Ouellette abstained.

A member expressed their concern about the proposed policy pertaining to a student being suspended based solely on the report of another student, without any other witnesses. Paul and Keith stated that every student has the right of due process including facing their accuser. An extensive discussion ensued.

There was discussion about the notification process of a pending suspension.

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There was discussion about the memorandum of understanding with the Gorham Police Department. A member questioned the boundaries of this agreement, as it pertains to reporting students for what they felt were minor offenses.

A member expressed an opinion that it's the job of the administrators to follow policies, but make their professional judgment call for each occurrence. They expressed confidence in the current administration to make the best call, based on their experience.

b. Legislative Liaison Report

Paul Partenope reviewed his report in detail.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to support HB 1346 and HB 1495. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette, eight in favor, Paul Partenope and Julie St. Germaine opposed.

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to approve the recommendation of the Legislative Liaison, including the items already voted upon, but excluding the items that had been removed. It was seconded by Anne Hill, nine in favor, Ron Ouellette opposed.

A motion to extend the meeting for 20 minutes was made by Greg Corrigan. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; all in favor.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Non Public Session

A motion was made by Mike Waddell to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II C at 9:00 p.m. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; the roll was called: Carpenter - Y, Corrigan-Y, Brown - Y, Graham - Y, Hill - Y, Michaud - Y, Ouellette - Y, and Partenope - Y, Julie St. Germaine-Y, and Waddell - Y

a. Student Issue

XII. Next Meeting GRS Cooperative 2010-2011 School District Meeting GMHS Gym, **Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 7:00pm**

XIII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2010-Gorham Middle High School Library-6:30 pm

XIV. Other - None

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by xx to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by xx; all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at x:xxpm.

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