

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

Gorham Middle High School Library

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan (@6:34pm), Sharyl Graham, Anne Hill, Bruce Lary, Steven Michaud, Paul Partenope, Ron Ouellette, Julie St. Germaine (@8:16pm), and Michael Waddell

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left 7:48pm); David Goyette, Maintenance Supervisor (left 7:48pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left 7:48pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS (left 7:48pm); and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator.

Public: Krysta Arguin (Student Representative) (left 7:48pm), Claire Fox (left 8:32pm), Rob Hamel (GMHS Teacher) (left 7:03pm), Sarah Kinney (GMHS Student) (left 8:32pm), Naomi Levesque (left 8:32pm), and Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker) (left 8:32pm)

Press: None

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:32 pm, by Superintendent Paul Bousquet

- a. Reorganization of Board-Nomination of Board Chair

Paul Partenope made a motion to nominate Jo Carpenter as Chairperson of the Board. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

Jo took over chairing the meeting.

Paul Partenope made a motion to nominate Greg Corrigan as Vice-Chair of the Board. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

Anne Hill made a motion to nominate Angela Brown as Secretary of the Board. It was seconded by Steven Michaud; all in favor.

II. Public Comments

Claire Fox introduced herself as a parent and a member of the EFS CARE committee. Claire said she felt there wasn't a lot of communication between the board and committee. She hopes her attendance will improve that.

She asked a question about access to bus service for students who live within 1 mile of the school. Dave Goyette said it has been the standing policy of the district to not offer bus transportation to students who live within 1 mile.

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III. Presentation

a. Gorham After School Program (GASP)

Naomi Levesque made a presentation reviewing her handout in detail. There are now 48 students enrolled. 7th and 8th graders are now allowed to come to homework club on Fridays.

She reviewed some of the activities that GASP is doing. They purchased books as part of the Reading Warriors program grant through the GCLC scholastic program. This enabled the GCLC to receive some free books. She was very enthusiastic that the reading program which offers peer to peer reading to the Brown School, and the GCLC as very good for the students of both groups.

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney gave high praise of the program. There were further questions and answers.

b. Student Presentation Greece Trip

GMHS student Sarah Kinney made a presentation about the student's trip to Greece. She passed around photos and other memorabilia. She said the trip was fantastic and very educational. Thirteen students and three adults went from GHMS, joining students from Berlin and Laconia. There was a brief question and answer exchange.

IV. Written Communication

a. NHSBA Scholarship

b. Resignation Letter

Greg Corrigan made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Bunch, with regret. It was seconded by Angela Brown; all in favor.

An internal posting has been made to fill that position.

V. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Public/Nonpublic Minutes **February 16, 2010.**

The following items were removed from V: None

The Chair declared all items in Section V as adopted.

VI. Student Council Representative Report

Krysta Arguin reported that the Winter Carnival has begun. New events have been added for this year.

VII. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney was available to answer questions.
There were no questions.

b. Maintenance Director Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

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There was a brief question about the bus ride data. There was a question about the roof welding repair in the EFS gymnasium.

The PSNH check was received.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

There was a question about the Every Day Math program, in light of recent NECAP scores. Karen says the committee has not met yet to discuss the issue.

Karen expressed thanks to Rob Hamel for passing on the connection for the Doctors Without Borders Haiti relief fund.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

i. Letter to Janet Allison, NEASC

There was a brief discussion about the letter sent to NEASC by Keith and Paul Bousquet. NEASC contacted the GMHS inquiring as to whether the re-evaluation could be put off for a year. The cost is about \$18,000.

Krysta announced that the Melanoma Foundation has awarded the prom fund \$500 for their no tanning pledge program.

There was a discussion about the NECAP results. Math scores tend to be high and Reading scores lacking, which is inverse to the State scores. Keith will bring the SAT scores to a future meeting for a comparison.

Keith took a moment to recognize the passing of Mike Gaydo and all the good service he gave to the students and citizens of the valley.

e. Technology Director's Report

Chad Miller was not in attendance. Paul Bousquet commented on the progress of the purchases and status of the work. A deal has been struck with Fairpoint for savings in conjunction with the Town.

There was a question about the age of the MHS computers vs. the HS ones.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

Pauline Plourde was available to answer questions.

a. Monthly Financial Report

Pauline reviewed the printout. Oil consumption is down, due to a milder winter and conservation due to the improvements from the renovations. So far the GMHS has used 3000 gallons less than this time last year.

b. Budget Handout 2010-2011

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Pauline presented the board a copy of the 2010-2011 adopted budget.

c. Café Services

The survey was briefly discussed. The numbers of students purchasing lunches is down. It was commented that the survey results are very positive, especially when compared to prior years.

IX. Superintendent's Report

a. Cooperation Regionalization Update

Paul reports that the SAU20 administrators reacted negatively to the premise of Pauline Plourde additionally taking on the SAU3 BA position. He said if it is detrimental to the SAU20, he will not proceed. A board member agreed that they felt it wouldn't be in the best interest of SAU20.

Paul reiterated that cooperative discussions are progressing between SAU20 and Berlin.

b. Recommendation of Heat Control Engineer-EFS and GMHS

A motion was made by Michael Waddell to accept the recommendation to contract with Yeaton Associates to develop and release a formal RFP for the heating control work, at both schools. It was seconded by Bruce Lary; all in favor.

c. Meeting Calendar for 2010-2011

Members were asked to review the calendar, and final approval will occur at the next SAU board meeting. The meeting will be in May at the GMHS.

A member asks that a calendar of meeting dates be posted on the website.

d. Nominations-Spring 2010

e. Nominations Professional Staff 2010-2011

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to approve all nominations as presented. It was seconded by Steve Michaud; nine in favor, Greg Corrigan abstained.

The above motion and acceptance includes reappointing Don King as Treasurer of the district and Grace LaPierre as Clerk.

The ethics statement, board goals, and committee assignments will be reviewed in April.

X. Board Committee Reports

a. Policy

The committee hasn't met and is awaiting its next batch of policies for consideration from the NHSBA.

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- b. Legislative Liaison Report
Paul Partenope reviewed his report.

XI. Public Comments

Claire Fox asked a couple of questions pertaining to the line item in the budget for the charter school. She also asked about future staffing for the fifth and six grades. A decision is still pending.

There was further discussion about the relationship ← → communication between the CARE committee and board.

Naomi Levesque noted that the grant came from State Farm, and encouraged feedback to continue for future programs.

XII. Non Public Session

A motion was made by Steven Michaud to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II B & C at 8:32 p.m. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; the roll was called: Carpenter - Y, Corrigan-Y, Brown - Y, Graham – Y, Hill - Y, Lary – Y, Michaud - Y, Ouellette - Y, Partenope – Y, St. Germaine-Y, and Waddell - Y

- a. Student Issue

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to re-enter the Public Session at 8:50 p.m. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; all in favor.

XIII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2010 - Randolph Town Hall-6:30pm

XIV. Other

Bruce Lary was introduced as the newest member of the board.

Rob Hamel gave a brief presentation to begin the discussion about next year's trip. Next year BHS will be going to England, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. The cost will be around \$1900.

He also suggested two other options: Costa Rica - 7 days, an ecological trip (\$1400) and China (\$1700)

Next week he plans to meet with interested parents and students to solicit opinions about the options. He did voice concern about the poor air quality in China and how students with respiratory issues might be affected.

Rob's purpose for this presentation was to ask if the board is interested in the students having these other options, or should be stay with the Berlin trip as first presented.

A motion was made by Greg Corrigan to approve Rob Hamel to move forward with planning several choices for next year's trip. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

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A board member commented that the North Country Music Festival was great.

Angela Brown made the board aware that the GRS Cooperative School Board meeting to be held in Randolph next month will take place in the small room due to other scheduled activities taking place in the building.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Partenope to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bruce Lary; all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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