

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Minutes of Meeting

Shelburne Town Hall

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Greg Corrigan, Sharyl Graham, Anne Hill, Bruce Lary, Stephen Michaud, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Julie St. Germaine (at ~ 8:30pm), and Michael Waddell

Absent: Angela Brown

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

Public: GHS Student and Parents (left at 6:50pm); Lucy Evans, (GMHS Teacher) (left at 8:05pm); Naomi Levesque; Ben Mayerson (Minute Taker)

Press: Gail Scott

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order by Chairperson Jo Carpenter at 6:33 pm

II. Public Comments

None

III. Written Communication

- a. NHSBA Scholarship-Information will be available at the meeting.
Paul Bousquet made available the forms for the scholarship.

IV. Non Public Session

At 6:35pm a motion was made by Greg Corrigan to enter a Non Public session under RSA 91-A:311 (C). It was seconded by Bruce Lary. The roll was called. All members present voted in the affirmative.

- a. Student Issues

The Board returned to Public session at 7:40pm. After a motion was made by Anne Hill with a second from Bruce Lary. All in Favor.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes-Public and Non-Public-**January 18, 2011.**
- b. Budget Hearing Minutes and Board Meeting Minutes **January 26, 2011.**

Minutes were pulled for discussion and corrections.

The January 18, 2011 Non-Public minutes were not included in the packets. They will be included in the March 15, 2011 meeting packet and forwarded by email to all board members prior to the March 15, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to accept the regular minutes as amended. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

VI. Student Council Representative Report

Linda Montminy was not present.

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VII. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.

There was a question regarding scheduling of SPED teachers in light of budget cuts. Rebecca said she is working on it.

b. Maintenance Director's Report

David Goyette was available to answer questions.

There was a brief discussion about the oil consumption pre and post construction.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to donate the old EFS curtain to the Town of Gorham. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; eight voted yes, Michael Waddell abstained.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions.

There was discussion regarding NAEP statistics.

Karen is hopeful that the school will meet AYP this year.

There was a question as to whether there will be two 3rd grade classes next year. Karen said she is planning on having 2 classrooms again.

Next year's Kindergarten enrollment is being studied. Results will be available in May.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Keith Parent was available to answer questions.

Lucy Evans, who is co-chairing the Steering Committee, talked about the Mission, Beliefs, and Expectations document.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to accept the Mission, Beliefs, and Expectations Document. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; all in favor.

There was discussion about the NECAP and SAT results.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

a. Health Insurance Information

Paul Bousquet reviewed the potential changes. There are two options (LGC or Grafton County) that are being considered, each would save between 8 – 11%. Paul hopes to have a clear choice by the March 3rd District meeting.

LGC would require a two year commitment. Pauline expressed a concern that being locked in for two years might be risky.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to designate the Superintendent to accept the most cost effective savings. It was seconded by Anne Hill; seven in favor, Jo Carpenter and Paul Partenope abstained.

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Julie St. Germaine arrived, bringing the board count to ten.

- b. Financial Update 2010-2011
Pauline Plourde reviewed the corrected tax rate handout for the upcoming budget hearing.

Suggestions were made to improve and simplify the handout for the meeting.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to extend the meeting until 11pm. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor, Anne Hill voted no.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- a. Bullying Training Update-Staff, students Parents
Paul Bousquet reviewed the progress of the training. Training was held on February 7th for all SAU employees. It was commented that plans are in place to train the few who were unable to make this workshop.
- b. Policy and Procedures re: Negotiated Contracts
 - i. Confidentiality Rules
Paul suggested that new language be drafted pertaining to confidentiality. He offered to draft the language, and give it to the Policy Committee for review.
- c. School District Meeting Set Up and Procedure
The setup will be the same as previous years. Presentations will be made to the retiring nurse, designer of the report cover, and a board member not running for re-election.
- d. Board Self Evaluation
Forms are now due. Board members handed them in and they will be tabulated for the next meeting.
- e. Mindflight-March Update-Needed?
Matt Saladino has offered to come to the March meeting, but Paul feels that he has provided all the information at this point.
- f. EFS Curtain-Donation to Town of Gorham-Action
See VII b.
- g. Alpine Skiing-Berlin Students Participation 2011-2012
Paul will be sending a formal letter to the SAU 3 Superintendent regarding the program.
A motion was made by Anne Hill to allow the Superintendent to move ahead with Berlin students participating in the GRS Cooperative Alpine Ski Program for 2011-2012. It was seconded by Stephen Michaud; all in favor.
- h. Students Involved in Court
This year there are 8 students involved in the court system, as opposed to last year where there was none.

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i. Nominations

A motion was made by Stephen Michaud to accept the nominations as submitted. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; nine in favor, Paul Partenope abstained.

X. Board Committee Reports

a. Legislative Liaison Report

Paul Partenope reviewed the handouts pertaining to pending legislation. There was discussion about some of the bills.

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to oppose HB-67. It was seconded by Paul Partenope; 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained. (*The motion passed to oppose.*)

A motion to oppose HB 340 was made by Bruce Lary. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; nine in favor, one opposed. (*The motion was passed to oppose.*)

A motion was made by Anne Hill to support HB 537. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan; Six in favor, five opposed. (*The motion was passed to support.*)

A motion was made by Bruce Lary to support all other recommendations presented at this meeting by the Policy Committee, not addressed in the preceding motions. It was seconded by Anne Hill; all in favor.

b. Policy Committee

This item was not discussed.

XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Non Public Session

See IV.

XIII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2011-Gorham Middle High School Library-6:30p.m.
2011-2012 School District Meeting Wednesday, March 3, 2011, 7:00pm, GMHS Alumni Gym

XIV. Other

Paul Bousquet handed out an Email from Clare Fox.

XV. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

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