

Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board
Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 6:30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

GMHS Library

GRS Board Members Present: Jo Carpenter, Angela Brown, Greg Corrigan (arrived 6:45 PM), Suzanne Demers, Sharyl Graham, Anne Hill, Steven Michaud, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, Barney Valliere, and Michael Waddell.

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Karen Cloutier, Principal, Ed Fenn (left 7:25pm); David Goyette, Maintenance Supervisor(left 7:25pm); Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director of Special Services (left 7:25pm); Keith Parent, Principal, GMHS; Dan Gorham, Vice-Principal, GMHS(left 7:25pm); and Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator.

Public: Linda Montminy – Student Representative, Matthew Saladino – Guidance, Clare Fox, and Joyce Carlisle (Minute Taker)

Press: Craig Lyons

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative School Board was called to order at 6:32 pm, by Superintendent Paul Bousquet. He welcomed all new members and introductions were made.

II. Reorganization of GRS Cooperative Board

Anne Hill made a motion to nominate Jo Carpenter as the Chairperson. It was seconded by Steve Michaud. All in favor.

Michael Waddell made a motion to nominate Greg Corrigan as Vice Chairperson. It was seconded by Anne Hill. All in favor.

Anne Hill made a motion to nominate Angela Brown as Secretary. It was seconded by Paul Partenope. All in favor.

III. Public Comments

It was suggested that the board meetings could have a theme for the monthly meeting in order to interest the public and garner participation around the subject to be discussed.

IV. Written Communications

a. Copy of letter to NHIAA

b. GRS Cooperative Board Self Assessment

c. NHSBA Training – Training will take place at the White Mt Regional on May 17th. Please call the SAU office to make arrangements.

d. GRS Cooperative Board Ethics- The form was passed for signatures.

e. Robert's Rules of Order- Information was supplied to all board members.

f. Outstanding Young Woman 2011. Gorham student, Sarah Kinney was selected to receive this award. All school board members were invited to the presentation ceremony as noted by Secretary Angela Brown.

g. A thank you note from Barbara Arnold for acknowledging her at the Annual School Board Meeting was received.

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- h. Paul passed around an article that appeared in the local paper regarding a Welding Competition. Brice Corrigan, a GMHS student was involved in the competition.
- i. The SAU Board Directory was passed around in order to update/change any information.

V. **Consent Agenda** – the chair declared the minutes of January 18, 2011, February 15, 2011 and the budget hearing minutes of February 17, 2011 as accepted.

- a. **Paul Patenope requested that the February 15th Non-Public Minutes be pulled for discussion. Anne Hill made a motion to accept the Nonpublic Minutes of February 15, 2011 Minutes as presented. It was seconded by Steven Michaud. All in favor. Angela Brown, Suzanne Demers, and Barney Valliere abstained.**

VI. Student Council Representative Report

Linda Montminy provided a schedule of the 2011 Winter Carnival events being conducted this week. The Student Council will be hosting the Boston Globetrotters on April 7.

VII. District Administrators Reports

a. SPED Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny was available to answer questions.

b. Maintenance Director Report

Dave Goyette was available to answer questions.

He spoke in regards to the heavy snow loads on the roofs and the pupil bus counts that will be conducted in April.

c. EFS Principal's Report

Karen Cloutier was available to answer questions on activities occurring at the Ed Fenn School. She spoke on the AMC conducting a science program thru the 2011-12 school year, SINI status, and RTI.

d. GMHS Principal's Report

Matt Saladino was in attendance to provide additional information on the AMC's workshop, "S.O.S.", overnight request.

Greg Corrigan made a motion to accept the "S.O.S." overnight trip proposal as presented. It was seconded by Anne Hill. All in favor.

Matt Saladino briefed the board on his fund raising success for the Mind Flight program and his continued efforts with the upcoming wood raffle.

Dan Gorham provided an update of the NEASC process. Questions on the curriculum software features were answered.

Keith Parent provided additional information on the AMC Outdoor Education Internship proposal.

Michael Waddell made a motion to accept the AMC Outdoor Education Internship proposal as presented. It was seconded by Barney Valliere. All in favor.

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VIII. Business Administrator's Report

Pauline Plourde was available to answer questions.

a. Monthly Financial Report

Pauline invited the new board members to meet personally with her, at a mutually convenient time, to familiarize them with the financial reporting methods utilized.

b. Coos County Forest Funds

Michael Waddell made a motion to accept the Coos County Forest Funds as presented. It was seconded by Anne Hill. All in favor.

IX. Superintendent's Report

a. Policy and Procedures re: Negotiated Contracts

b. GRS Cooperative Board Self Assessment

Angela Brown summarized the compilation results and provided some additional information to add clarity.

c. Focused Monitoring

Superintendent, Paul Bousquet, briefed the board on the progress being made by of the Focused Monitoring Committee.

d. Community Forum-Grant Status-

Anne Hill made a motion to support the proposed grant as presented and with any additional revisions that Superintendent Paul Bousquet deems necessary. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

e. Community Member Letter

The letter was discussed and the following ideas to improve communication with the public were suggested:

Offer quarterly Public Forums (possibly theme based)

Provide handouts targeting how the public and the board could effectively work together for more promising results.

Provide a more welcoming seating arrangement for the public attendees.

Board members need to relay more of the communities' sentiments on board related issues.

Offer additional meetings (either monthly or increasing the number during the budget building phase)

Earlier board member involvement in the budget building process.

Supply simplified math and explanations of the budget.

Clearly identify the board's role, the process to achieve these goals, and adhere to this process in meetings.

Conduct a Board Retreat (possibly have a NHDOE representative present)

f. School District Meeting Discussion

X. Board Committee Reports

a. Legislative Liaison Report-

Paul Partenope briefed the board on the updates on the Legislative Report. He noted that he had received additional information on HB589, which after reviewing; he

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would recommend supporting the bill rather than opposing as noted in his report. He also recommends supporting SB3, SB183, and HB337.

Michael Waddell made the motion to support the Legislative Liaison's report as amended. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan. All in favor.

b. Policy Committee

Paul Partenope informed the board that new policies will be coming out in early April and he will be contacting Policy Committee members to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Non Public Session-not needed.

XIII. Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – Randolph Town Hall-6:30pm

XIV. Other

Paul Partenope requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be said at the beginning of the meetings and add it for discussion at future meeting agendas.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Michaud to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Barney Valliere; all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce M. Carlisle
Minute Taker