

## SAU #20 Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2010

GMHS

6:30 PM

### Present-

*GRS Cooperative:* Jo Carpenter, Greg Corrigan, Sharyl Graham, Anne Hill, Bruce Lary, Steven Michaud, Ron Ouellette, Paul Partenope, and Michael Waddell.

*Milan:* Sandy Pouliot and Patricia Shute.

*Dummer:* Julie Glover and Elizabeth Ruediger.

*Errol:* No representatives present

Administration: Paul Bousquet, Superintendent; Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator; Chad Miller, Information Technology Director; Steven Gordon, Co-Director SPED & Rebecca Hebert-Sweeny, Co-Director SPED.

Public: David Graham, Gorham Selectperson, and Joyce Carlisle, minute taker.

- I. Meeting called to order 6: 35 PM
- II. Public Comments: Selectman David Graham was present to observe the meeting and introduced himself to the SAU #20 board and to welcome anyone to attend the Gorham Selectmen's meetings held every other Monday at 6:30 PM.
- III. Approval of Minutes, October 14, 2010 meeting. **A motion was made by Jo Carpenter to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Michael Waddell; eight in favor, abstaining: Paul Partenope, Ann Hill, Greg Corrigan, Steven Michaud, Bruce Lary. Motion approved.**
- IV. Written Communication-none
- V. Committee Reports
  1. Policy Committee-Patricia Shute announced that the committee will be meeting once Angela Brown returns and will share findings at the December Meeting.
  2. Professional Development- Jo Carpenter reported that the PD Parent Survey results were emailed to all committee members as requested by the board.
  3. NCES Representative-Paul Partenope briefed the board on his impression of the North Country Professional Development Day activities. He also noted some of the upcoming PD offerings.
  4. Technology Committee-Paul Bousquet updated the board on the progress on filing Chad Miller's position. The Technology Committee and a sub-committee of the Tech. Committee have met to discuss and finalize the exact needs of the position. Some very good, healthy discussion came of the meetings. Twenty applications were received from the posting of this position and the Technology Committee selected five to interview next Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Those five were contacted today and were provided with the salary range. Four accepted the invitation to interview on Tuesday. The board discussed the need for another meeting to vote on the acceptance of the new employee. It was determined to meet during a recess of the GRS Cooperative School Board Meeting scheduled on November 16, 2010, at 6:45 PM.

VI. Business Administrator's Report

1. Pauline Plourde was available to answer any questions on the Financial Report and the 2011- 12 SAU Budget Proposal. She expressed that benefits are the largest increase in the budget. Primex has yet to establish the guaranteed maximum, but it is expected to be received on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. A 15% increase is currently in the proposal. Discussion was held on the need to establish a fund balance policy and to gather more facts on the State's policies on the matter.

**A motion was made by Jo Carpenter to adopt the budget as presented. It was seconded by Greg Corrigan.** Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Paul Partenope to go into non-public session at 7:40 PM. It was seconded by Ron Ouellette; roll call vote was taken: Jo Carpenter-yes, Greg Corrigan-yes, Sharyl Graham-yes, Anne Hill-yes, Bruce Lary-yes, Steven Michaud-yes, Ron Ouellette-yes, Paul Partenope-yes, Michael Waddell-yes, Sandy Pouliot-yes, Patricia Shute-yes, Julie Glover-yes and Elizabeth Ruediger-yes.**

**Public Session re-opened at 8:35 PM**

**The original motion on the budget as presented was amended to adopt the budget with salary percentage adjustments as discussed in non public session by Michael Waddell. It was seconded by Bruce Lary; all in favor.**

VII. Special Education Director's Report

Rebecca Hebert-Sweeney presented an oral report detailing the SPED department's activities. Tomorrow, November 5<sup>th</sup> is Child Find Day. Ten children are currently scheduled for testing. She briefed the board on their cooperative working relationship with Ray Heally at NCES, to increase fiscal savings. She and Steve met with Neil Tenenbaum today to revise his program next year. Preliminary discussion on how to possibly consolidate the needs of our students with autism within the District has taken place with David Freschi, Autism Consultant with the ultimate goal of improving their educational and programming needs. This information will be shared with the board as soon as meetings are conducted and information is available. Steve Gordon briefed the board on Neil Tenenbaum's position and responsibilities.

VIII. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bousquet will be meeting with Administrator's to discuss evaluations. Michael Waddell expressed his concern with the high percentage of the GHS students in this past year's class, not graduating on time.

Superintendent's Evaluation: Will be sent out in the December board package and completed at the December meeting. The package should include last year's goals as set by the Superintendent.

**IX. Next Meeting- Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 6:45 PM at the Gorham Middle High School Cafeteria. Public Hearing for 2011-12 Budget- at 7 PM**

**X. Adjournment- A motion was made by Paul Partenope to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Julie Glover; all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carlisle  
Minute Taker