

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2012

Present:	Kyle Currier	Ted Sharp, Supt.
	Jim Hager	Brian Porter, Principal
	Anne Lawrence	Tim Spear, Athletics
	Dennis Libby	Brenda Caldwell, Town Council
	Roger Marchand	Jeff Carpenter, Advisor
	Sara Nelson	Students
	Darryl Wright	

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14 and the Special Meetings of March 19 and March 28, 2012 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Jeff Carpenter and students spoke regarding the recent National History Day competition in Augusta and their plans for the national competition later this spring.

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- The SEA is beginning a review of the Day Treatment Program.
- The SEA will be sponsoring a Tech Camp for both staff and students this summer.
- The SEA will be given a presentation on the International Baccalaureate program.
- The SEA voted to discontinue the pilot of an efficiency coordinator position.
- As part of a partnership, we will be sending staff and students to China this summer.
- Members of the Business Roundtable recently visited the Oxford Hills Co-op program and plan to visit Bonny Eagle's program.
- We have concluded negotiations on four contracts/agreements.
- A committee on teacher evaluation has been formed and will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Marchand mentioned that he had the opportunity to watch the finalists of the Poetry Out Loud competition and was amazed at the talent of these students. They were very impressive!

Administrative Reports

Brian Porter presented the annual Summary Assessment Report.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. Currier reported that the Finance committee met on March 26<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the FY12 budget year-to-date and the proposed FY13 budget. The committee meets again on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and reviewed the Nepotism policy for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and prepared the Student Discrimination and Harassment and Private School Students – Access policies for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading. All three of these policies are on tonight's agenda. The committee meets again on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel – Mr. Libby reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and reviewed the tentative agreement with the SAA, discussed a schedule for both the Superintendent’s and School Committee’s goals, and reviewed the search process for the hiring of the head football coach. The committee meets again on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Vocational Education – There was no report, but WRVC meets tomorrow morning and Mr. Hager will attend.

#### Unfinished Business

Mr. Hager explained that because his son is employed by the Gorham School Department, he will excuse himself and left the room while the Nepotism policy was discussed and voted on. After some discussion, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to adopt the Nepotism policy as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Libby).

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Currier to approve the new School Committee stipends as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Marchand, Nelson).

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. Libby that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent to adopt a FY13 school budget of \$32,215,330. This figure represents a 3.27% increase over the FY12 budget and is the only part of the FY13 Budget that requires State and Local (Town of Gorham) support. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent to adopt the FY13 school budget, which raises additional local funds to support the school budget in the amount of \$1,873,688, an amount which exceeds the amount required as the local contribution to the state allocation by \$1,256,776.76, be approved. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

#### New Business

Ms. Lawrence moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to appoint Jamal Chatman as Head Varsity Football coach. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION (Hager).

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies:

- Student Discrimination and Harassment (ACAA)
- Private School Students – Access (JJIAA)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.