

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2012

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| Present: | Tim Burns      | Ted Sharp, Supt.            |
|          | Kyle Currier   | Kate Rotroff, Adult Ed Dir. |
|          | Anne Lawrence  | Tim Spear, Athletic Dir.    |
|          | Dennis Libby   | Students                    |
|          | Roger Marchand | Parents                     |
|          | Sara Nelson    | Press                       |
|          | Darryl Wright  |                             |

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairman Marchand and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10 and the Special Meeting of October 24, 2012 stood approved.

The GHS Boys Tennis Team and the Golf Team were recognized for their State Championships.

Mr. Sharp asked for nominations for School Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Marchand nominated Kyle Currier for Chair and Darryl Wright for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to elect Kyle Currier as Chair. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO. Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to elect Darryl Wright as Vice Chair. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO. Ms. Currier then took over as Chair and outlined the sub-committees:

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| <u>Finance</u> | <u>Personnel</u> | <u>Policy</u>   |
| Dennis Libby*  | Darryl Wright*   | Roger Marchand* |
| Darryl Wright  | Dennis Libby     | Sara Nelson     |
| Kyle Currier   | Sara Nelson      | Tim Burns       |

Public Comment

Sara Plummer spoke on the ADK process.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Assumes NCLB waiver will be granted
- Standards-based diploma on the horizon (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Common Core in ELA/Math – will be ready next fall
- FY14 budget process has begun
- College visits are taking place for GHS students
- A number of Gorham teachers are participating in the Southern Maine Writing Project

Mr. Libby reported that he had served as a judge in the GEF Spelling Bee and the Chili/Chowder Cook-off. Both were a lot of fun! He also read a letter from the ADK committee requesting an extension.

Ms. Nelson also attended the GEF Spelling Bee and reminded everyone that grant applications will be available soon and encouraged teacher to apply.

Mr. Marchand attended the MSMA conference and, as usual, found the session he attended well done and very useful.

Ms. Currier also attended the MSMA conference and was very impressed, liked the format and learned a lot. She encouraged others to consider attending.

## Administrative Report

Kate Rotroff gave an update on the Adult and Community Education Program.

## School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. Currier reported that the Finance committee met on September 30 and reviewed the current budget and the laptop insurance. They will meet again on November 19.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee will meet on November 20.

Personnel – Mr. Libby reported that the Personnel committee has not met, but is preparing for GTA negotiations.

Vocational Education – Both PATHS and WRVC met and have begun the budget process. They meet again tomorrow.

## Old Business

## New Business

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to accept the letter that was read from the ADK committee and grant the requested extension. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

The Unpaid Leave Request was tabled and will be considered at a later date.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint the following Schedule B personnel:

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| MS Drama         | Tana Krohn       |
| MS Civil Rights  | Julie Alexandrin |
| Skiing           | Heather Whitaker |
| Special Olympics | Lisa Shiers      |

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Currier announced that Anne Lawrence has resigned from the School Committee effective November 30<sup>th</sup> and thanked her for her service.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.