

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2014

Present:	Kyle Bailey	Darryl Wright
	Tim Burns	Ted Sharp, Supt.
	John Doyle	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Kathy Garrard	Parents
	Dennis Libby	Press
	Sara Nelson	

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8 and the Special Meeting of January 22, 2014 stood approved.

Public Comment

Parents Jamie Douglas and Melissa Spicer spoke on the Wellness Policy and the sharing of snacks in school.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- The Education Committee has placed a moratorium on Virtual Charter Schools.
- There is strong opposition in the Legislature to the Governor's request to have districts give back additional money received last year (\$361,000 for Gorham).
- March 24<sup>th</sup> is "A Day at the State House" for School Board members.
- There is a School Law for Board Members workshop on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Superintendent has met with each of the principals to review the results of the Culture Surveys done by their staff and action plans are being established. The parent surveys have gone out to parents and are due back by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- We received an invoice for \$19,500 for the repair of hydrants at Narragansett.

Mr. Bailey reported that he is pleased that the Committee will be reviewing the possibility of student representatives on the School Committee.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met on January 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the reporting format and budget development. The committee meets again on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Ms. Garrard reported that the Policy committee met on January 21<sup>st</sup> to review the Wellness Policy (JL) with members of the district's Wellness Committee. It is on tonight's agenda for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. They also met on February 10<sup>th</sup> and began reviewing all policies, section by section, to see if they might need to be changed/updated. They currently are reviewing the Student Drug & Alcohol policy as it pertains to student athletes.

Personnel – Ms. Nelson reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and began looking at the instrument used for the evaluation of the Superintendent – both for format and content. They also began discussing the report on Ed Tech delivery services and will continue that discussion when they meet again on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Vocational Education – Mr. Bailey reported that he attended both the PATHS and WRVC advisory committee meetings on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Both looked at operational budgets. PATHS continues to have discussions on funding and changes in the by-laws.

## New Business

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Wellness Policy (JL).

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to appoint Andrew Hager as the Varsity Football Head Coach. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Sharp began his FY15 Budget rollout by reading a letter that he had written framing the context within which the proposed FY15 budget had been developed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.