

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 12, 2014

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

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10 and the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2014 stood approved.

Public Comment

Brian Deveaux explained his letter to the editor in the PPH regarding the Superintendent's FY15 budget rollout.

Katherine Paul addressed the School Committee in support of All Day Kindergarten.

The cast of Gorham High School's *Wizard of Oz* entertained the Committee with three of their songs from the upcoming show.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- An updated list of remaining School Committee meetings for the year was handed out.
- Village School will hold a family STEM night on March 20th.
- An article on GHS art students & Gorham House was distributed.
- Gorham won the Boys Ice Hockey Western Maine championship.
- GHS's One Act Play group will be performing at the State competition next Friday.
- March 11 is College Night at Gorham High School for students and parents.
- Reminder – Gorham Marketplace takes place on March 29th.
- The MSMA Executive Committee met last week with Commissioner Rier and had some really good conversations around a number of issues.

Mr. Burns congratulated all of the cast and crew of *Mother Hicks*. Great job!

Mr. Bailey reported that he had the privilege of judging the *Gorham's Got Talent* program and wanted to thank Jeff Carpenter for doing a wonderful job with our students.

Ms. Nelson reported that the Wellness committee had met

Administrative Report

Mr. Record updated the Committee on the NEASC accreditation process.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met on February 24th and reviewed the FY14 budget, reviewed the capital plan with Norm Justice and the technology plan with Dennis Crowe. The committee meets again on March 17th.

Policy – Ms. Garrard reported that the Policy committee will meet on March 18th to review the Wellness policy and prepare for a 2nd Reading.

Personnel – Ms. Nelson reported that the Personnel committee is scheduled to meet on March 26th.

Mr. Bailey reported that the advisory committees for both WRVC and PATHS meet next Thursday.

Unfinished Business

FY15 Budget Update – Mr. Sharp reported that we just received a new ED279 which gives Gorham an increase in subsidy and we also received a change in valuation from 6 million to 12 million. These changes show an increase of 2.61% or 0.29 on the mil rate. Although good news, he cautioned that there very likely will be changes and this won't be the final number.

Mr. Libby then asked the School Committee if anyone had any items that they would like more information on or that they would like the administrators to go back and reconsider. If it was the consensus of the Committee, they would be considered. Mr. Doyle had questions around custodial services, phone services, STEM teacher/Numeracy Specialist, class sizes/enrollments and technology priorities. He also thought the Committee should take a closer look at the counseling services/staff and the ADK curriculum, but other committee members were not in agreement.

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Ms. Garrard to adopt the 2014-2015 school calendar as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the protocol governing the selection of two non-voting student representatives to the Gorham School Committee. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve the attached list of Schedule B personnel as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Ms. Garrard to approve the following Schedule C personnel:

Communications (Village)	Mia DeSanctis
Special Events Coordinator (Village)	Kim Meggison

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM