

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 9, 2014

Present:	Tim Burns	Ted Sharp, Supt.
	John Doyle	Chris Record, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Robert Weed, HS Teacher
	Dennis Libby	Students
	Sara Nelson	Parents
	Darryl Wright	Press

Absent: Kyle Bailey

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 correction, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, Special Meetings of March 10 and March 12, and the Workshops of January 22, February 26, March 1, March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2014 stood approved.

The School Committee congratulated members of the One Act Play *Mother Hicks* and advisor Eileen Avery for their Class A State Championship performance and they performed a scene from the play.

Public Comment

Jim Means spoke regarding the school budget.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Congratulations to the cast of *Mother Hicks* for Class A State Championship!
- The *Wizard of Oz* at GHS and *The Emperor's New Clothes* at GMS were fantastic.
- Kindergarten screening is taking place.
- Work continues around the Common Core and Proficiency-based education.
- We are working on collating results from the parent surveys.
- Gorham Middle School will be hosting the John Philips Souza Band festival.
- April is National Volunteer month. The Gorham School Department is very fortunate – we have over 600 active volunteers in our schools. Thank you.
- The Legislature just recently passed the teacher evaluation rules.

Ms. Nelson congratulated the OM teams from the High School, Middle School and Village School on their success. Great job.

Mr. Wright remarked on the student art work displayed at the Gorham Marketplace – it was amazing.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Record and Mr. Weed reported on the Career Awareness & Readiness and CO-OP program.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met on March 14th and reviewed the FY14 YTD and the proposed FY15 budget. They received updates on the Athletic program and the Sebago Alliance. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th.

Policy – Ms. Garrard reported that the Policy committee met on March 18th and discussed the Wellness policy and the Governance policies. These are on tonight's agenda for a 1st Reading. They meet again on April 22nd.

Personnel – Ms. Nelson reported that the Personnel committee will meet on May 14th.

Vocational Education – The Advisory Committees met on March 20th and there were discussions on by-law changes and school calendars. They meet again on April 17th.

Unfinished Business

There was a 1st Reading of the Wellness Policy (JL)

There was a review and discussion on the proposed FY15 budget and the changes since the initial budget presentation.

With the implementation of a Vertical Teaching pilot program at Narragansett and a teacher retirement, Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Mr. Wright to decrease the proposed FY15 budget by \$83,250. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to combine the STEM/Numeracy specialist and add one ed tech for numeracy support, decreasing the proposed FY15 budget by \$40,000. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

After reviewing the K-5 technology needs, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Burns to replace the pods with iPads carts for Village and Narragansett, increasing the proposed FY15 budget by \$17,055. The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Doyle).

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to increase the amount for charter school tuition, increasing the proposed FY15 school budget by \$32,250. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent to adopt a FY15 school budget of \$34,152,140.00. This figure represents a 3.75% increase over the FY14 budget and is the only part of the FY15 budget that requires State and Local (Town of Gorham) support. The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Doyle).

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Wright that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent to adopt the FY15 school budget, which raises additional local funds to support the school budget in the amount of \$3,154,366.00, an amount which exceeds the amount required as the local contribution to the State allocation by \$2,511,886.39, be approved. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the following FY15 Vocational assessments:

PATHS	\$156,699.34
WRVC	\$302,654.02

The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a 1st Reading of the following policies:

- School Committee Self Evaluation (BAA)
- School Committee Legal Status (BB)
- School Committee Powers and Duties (BBA)
- Committee Member Authority (BBAA)
- Committee Member Qualifications (BBBA)
- Unexpired Term Fulfillment (BBBE)
- Committee Member Attendance (BBDA)
- School Committee Conflicts of Interest (BCB)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM