

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 10, 2014

Present: Kyle Bailey
John Doyle
Dennis Libby
Sara Nelson
Suzanne Phillips
Darryl Wright
Ted Sharp, Supt.

Kathy Hamblen, Dir. Sp. Serv.
Polly Brann, Principal
Robert Riley, Principal
Jane Esty, Principal
Chris Record, Principal
Cathy Stankard, Asst. Supt.
Michael Lortie, GTA

Absent: Tim Burns

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2014 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Holiday concerts/programs are currently taking place.
- Negotiations for three contracts will begin in January or February.
- The District's Gifted & Talented plan has been submitted to the DOE for approval.
- Phase I of the GHS cafeteria renovation will take place over the holiday break.
- The administration continues to work on the Crisis Plan reunification process.

Mr. Doyle reported that he has been reviewing the James Madison Essays and is quite impressed by the quality of these essays. The award ceremony will be held on December 19th.

Mr. Wright enjoyed attending both PIE meetings and thought there were great conversations with the parents.

Mr. Libby gave an update of the superintendent search process.

Administrative Reports

Cathy Stankard reviewed the K-12 graduation standards.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met on November 24th. They met with Dennis Crowe to review the Technology Plan and reviewed the FY15 Budget year-to-date. The committee meets again on December 15th.

Policy – Mr. Doyle reported that the Policy committee met last month and there are a number of policies on tonight's agenda for either a 1st or 2nd Reading.

Personnel – Ms. Nelson reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and discussed negotiations timelines and staffing. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th.

Vocational Education – Hollis Cobb reported that the advisory committees met on November 13th. WRVC distributed Parts I & II. Enrollments are down some so the assessment is a little lower. PATHS is similar. The committees meet again on January 15th.

Sebago Education Alliance – Mr. Wright reported that they did not meet, but the next meeting is scheduled for January 12th.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Phillips to adopt the Evaluation of the Superintendent policy (CBI) as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to delete the Line and Staff Relations policy (CCB) as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Phillips to adopt the Annual Budget policy (DB) as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Libby).

New Business

There was a 1st Reading of the following policies:

- Fire Drills (EBCB)
- Bomb Threat (EBCC)
- Buildings and Grounds Maintenance (ECB)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.