

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 2015

Present:	Kyle Bailey	Chris Record, Principal
	Tim Burns	Kate Rotroff, Dir. Adult Ed.
	Dennis Libby	Dennis Crowe, Dir. Technology
	Sara Nelson	Stacey Sawyer, Asst. Principal
	Susie Phillips	Norm Justice, Facilities/Maint.
	Darryl Wright	Hollis Cobb, Finance Officer
	Heather Perry, Supt.	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Cathy Stankard, Asst. Supt.	Teachers
	Cynthia Remick, Principal	Press

Absent: Sean Curran

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Wright and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4 and Special Meetings of November 18 and November 23, 2015 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

The Superintendent noted the following:

- Elementary art teachers Allie Rimkunas and Elise Bothel, along with some of their students, explained the Empty Bowl project and showcased some of their bowls.
- The MDOE has selected Measured Progress as the vendor for state-wide assessment And has decided to use the SAT for the high school assessment.
- The District Leadership Team is currently working on the establishment of what they see as district priorities in preparation for the FY17 budget discussions.
- Substitute pay is an ongoing concern and increases are being considered.
- We have just received resignations from David Kilborn, physical education teacher at GMS and Beth Perkins, school nurse at Village.
- We have had to hire two additional ed techs (1 YR) due to increased enrollment in the GHS special education behavior program and increased enrollments in grade 2 at Village.
- Letters will be going home to all 6-12 parents updating them on PBL work.
- Winter athletic programs have begun and both the high school and middle school.
- The busy holiday season is upon us and there are many concerts, activities, community service projects, etc. going on in our schools.

Mr. Wright attended Narragansett's Empty Bowl event. It was well attended and a lot of money was raised.

Administrative Reports

Dennis Crowe reviewed the District's Technology Plan.

Cathy Stankard, Kim Fadrigon and Cheryl Fotter gave an update on the implementation of PBL.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Burns reported that the Finance committee met on November 16 to review warrants, CIP projects, bus purchase and heard presentations on copier bids. The committee will meet again on December 21.

Policy – Ms. Nelson reported that the Policy committee met and reviewed three policies for a 1st Reading tonight along with three others on tonight’s agenda for a 2nd Reading. The committee will meet again on December 15.

Personnel – Mr. Libby reported that the Personnel committee met on November 18 and earlier tonight. They are reviewing the SC Mentoring handbook and SC self-evaluation form. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13.

Vocational Education – Ms. Nelson reported that PATHS discussed the FY17 budget and STEM Expo. WRVC noted that Totally Trades will be moving to spring, discussed college & career fair, holiday food drive. Both schools continue to work on PBL. The next advisory meetings will be on January 14.

Sebago Education Alliance – Mr. Wright reports that they will meet on January 11.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the following policies as presented:

- Service Animals in Schools Policy (ACAC)
- Video Surveillance on School Vehicles Policy (EEAEF)
- Video Surveillance on School Property Policy (EEAEFA)

The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Md. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to elect Heather Perry as Superintendent of Schools for 2016-2017. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the use of MPERS money in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 for the purpose of purchasing two new school buses with details of the purchase to be determined by the Superintendent. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve the 2016-2017 WRVC vocational assessment of \$290,139.24. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the following Schedule B & C personnel:

JV Boys Ice Hockey	Kevin Fahey/Justin Broy
JV Girls Ice Hockey	Mary Guimond/Matt Cavanaugh
Swimming Asst.	Adam Gaulin
V Cheering Asst.	Jessica Taylor
MS Cheering	Julie Dvilinsky/Jessica Taylor
MS - Allied Arts Team Leader	Amy Cousins
Village - Grade 4 Team Leader	Cindy Blake
Village – Special Events	Rebecca West

There was a 1st Reading of the following policies:

- Child Abuse and Neglect Policy (JLF)
- Employee Computer and Internet Use Policy (GCSA)
- Student Computer and Internet Use Policy (INJDB)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.