

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 10, 2016

Present:	Kyle Bailey	Brian Porter, Principal
	Sean Curran	Cynthia Remick, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Becky Fortier, Principal
	Sara Nelson	Jodi Mezzanotte, Asst. Prin.
	Susie Phillips	Kate Rotroff, Adult Ed.
	Darryl Wright	Dennis Crowe, Technology
	Heather Perry, Supt.	Hollis Cobb, Finance
	Cathy Stankard, Asst. Supt.	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Chris Record, Principal	Todd Fields, WRVC

Absent: Tim Burns

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 corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13 and Special Meeting of January 27, 2016 stood approved.

Public Comment

Kate Livingston spoke about elementary class sizes and overall growth in Gorham.

Angie Leclerc spoke on class sizes and encouraged the district to look at creative ways to address them.

Communications

The Superintendent noted the following:

- The Education Committee has unanimously voted to support a bill that would give one more year for a pilot year for systems working on their teacher evaluation processes.
- The bill that would have removed the Common Core from our state standards was defeated unanimously by the Education Committee.
- We received our initial 279 printout last week.
- We got our first look at an initial “status quo” budget and are currently working to make sure it is 100% accurate. In addition the leadership team discussed what new initiatives will be in the “superintendent’s proposed budget” and the rationale for those decisions. The first budget workshop for the School Committee will be February 22.
- Judy Morrell, Special Education teacher at GMS, will be retiring at the end of the year.
- Principals and teachers are in full evaluation mode, using our new evaluation system.
- To date, we have had 500 adults and 300 students participate in the revisioning work.
- Winter athletic teams have been incredible to watch – all teams are doing well. The girls basketball team is currently undefeated!
- We are currently working on a completely new design of our website.....stay tuned!

Ms. Phillips attended the PIE meeting at Great Falls last night. There was a good group of people in attendance and there was some discussion on PBL and busing.

Ms. Nelson attended the PIE meeting and also attended the preschool reading hour at Baxter library, handing out revisioning brochures.

Mr. Libby attended the Village PIE meeting. It was well attended and some of the concerns heard tonight were discussed.

Mr. Libby also reported that he attended a recent swim meet and was extremely impressed by the actions of the students and parents. There was a swimmer in the pool who was obviously struggling to continue,

but the encouragement that he received from all the other swimmers and parents was amazing and he did eventually finish. We hear so many negatives – it's nice to see something so positive.

Mr. Wright encouraged everyone to participate in the revisioning forums.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter reviewed the new K-5 Alternative Education Program.

Mr. Record and Todd Fields gave a presentation on the proposed Bridge program with WRVC.

School Committee Standish and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met and reviewed the audit, SNP Pay Pam, Special Education, FY16 YTD and credit card statements. The next meeting will be on February 22.

Policy – Ms. Nelson reported that the Policy committee met on January 26 and there are four policies on tonight's agenda for a 1st Reading. The next meeting is February 23.

Personnel – Mr. Libby reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and reviewed staff changes, C.O. salaries and the SC self-evaluation. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9.

Vocational Education – Ms. Nelson reported that the advisory committees met in January. PATHS distributed proficiency standards and WRVC is busy doing school visits. They will meet again on March 19.

Sebago Education Alliance – Ms. Perry reported that the SEA met with the technology directors on February 8 and discussed the possibility of holding a tech camp this summer. It was agreed that they will pursue something for students. The SEA also agreed that district dues will only be \$2500.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the revised SC Handbook as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve the attached list of Schedule B personnel. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Phillips to table the discussion of the 2016-2017 school calendar until the February 24 workshop. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a 1st Reading of the following policies:

- Compulsory Attendance (JEA)
- Truancy (JHB)
- Tobacco Use and Possession (ADC)
- Naming of School Facilities (FF)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.