

GORHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2015

Present:	Tim Burns	Brian Porter, Principal
	John Doyle	Cynthia Remick, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Becky Fortier, Principal
	Sara Nelson	Norm Justice, Facilities
	Susie Phillips	Michael Sanborn, SNP
	Darryl Wright	Hollis Cobb, Finance
	Heather Perry, Supt.	Avery Arena, Student Rep.
	Cathy Stankard, Asst. Prin.	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Kathy Hamblen, Dir. Sp. Serv.	Press

Absent: Kyle Bailey

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9 and Special Meetings of September 23 and September 30, 2015 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Superintendent Perry noted the following:

- Individual MEA results for students have gone home with a cover letter to parents.
- Gorham will be applying for an MDOE PEPG development grant in order to try and recoup the costs of our Teachscape software system for this year.
- SNP is gearing up for a State review of our program in December.
- Cathy and ESEA crew are gearing up for our Title I program review later this spring.
- NEO work moving forward slowly but surely – lots of technical difficulties on the MDOE side.
- Rolled out new Budgeting Process to District Leadership Team (DLT) on Tuesday.
- Influx of 42 IEP students since week before school started
- Upcoming Bond Referendum – Nov.3 , Question#3
- Harvest Lunch a success across all schools earlier this month!
- Bus Safety drills, school fire drills abound!
- GHS Bonfire rescheduled to 10/23 after senior night football game.
- Parent Conferences being scheduled
- Keep up to date by checking out our website
- Scarcity of subs for Bus Drivers an issue
- Scarcity of subs all around, still an issue, although AESOP is helping.
- DARE discussion
- Focus on Attendance/Truancy Data with Secretary Training on Oct. 28 ER day. All Teachers will participate in PBL work, and Ed. Techs will participate in various workshops offered across all schools.
- Suicide Prevention Trainings Mostly wrapped up.
- All teachers now trained in Teachscape – administrators need to complete 25 hours of training in Focus, State I by end of January, State II by end of June.
- Recent articles in local newspapers, more community engagement coming as part of re-visioning work.
- Re-visioning facilitator has been contracted, developing District Re-Visioning Steering Committee – will start work in November.
- 1 Additional ½ day per grade level has been created for K-5 teachers to work on Jumprope – moving along nicely overall with support of Kim and Cheryl.
- PBL Committees formed with plan on how they will work together to accomplish goals for 2015-16.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Burns were recognized for their dedication and commitment to the students and staff of the Gorham School Department. Mr. Doyle, who is resigning from the School Committee, was also thanked for his service to the District.

Administrative Reports

Cathy Stankard reviewed the student assessment information with the School Committee.

## School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Wright reported that the Finance committee met on September 21<sup>st</sup> and reviewed the CIP budget, the FY16 budget, draft write-up for the bond request, NCLB application and copier contract. They were advised that Gorham was not approved for additional busses but will look at the possibility of purchasing four. The next meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Doyle reported that the Policy committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup> and continues to review the policy manual. There is one policy on tonight's agenda for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and two for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The next meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel – Ms. Nelson reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and reviewed the Superintendent evaluation instrument. They meet again on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Vocational Education – Superintendent Perry reported that both advisory committees met today. Most of PATHS discussions were around PBL work and WRVC looked at equipment requests, capital budget and by-laws.

Sebago Education Alliance – Mr. Wright reported that he attended an “open space session” made up of School Committee members, Superintendents, Technology Directors and Special Education Directors looking at a visioning of what the SEA will be doing going forward. The SEA meets again on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Unfinished Business

Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Wright to adopt the Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy (AC) as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

## New Business

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve the partnership agreement with the League of Innovative Schools. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

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

Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve the attached list of Schedule C personnel. The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Libby).

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve the attached list of PBL Transition stipends. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve the 2015-2016 School Committee Goals as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle to create an ad hoc committee to oversee the development of a School Committee Communications Plan. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a review and discussion on the proposed FY17 Budget timeline.

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies:

- Graduation Requirements policy (IKF-A)
- Staff Resignations policy (GCQC)

There was a discussion on the proposed MSBA Resolutions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.