

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Special Meeting

August 26, 2015

Present: Kyle Bailey Darryl Wright
Tim Burns Heather Perry, Supt.
John Doyle Cathy Stankard, Asst. Supt.
Dennis Libby Avery Arena, Student Rep.
Sara Nelson Press
Susie Phillips

The Special Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called.

Avery Arena, the new student representative to the School Committee, was introduced. Kaialee Mercado, the other representative, resigned because of a conflict with course work. All agreed that it wasn't necessary to fill the position at this time and will have just the one representative for this year.

New laptops were distributed to the school committee and a brief training followed.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to accept Mr. Doyle's resignation, with regret, effective as of the November election. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION (Doyle).

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Baily to appoint the following personnel:

Cynthia Grover	Social Worker 4-8
Cathy Loiselle	School Nurse
Brett Brown	Grade 6
Peter Downing	Grade 4

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There was a review and discussion on the proposed SC meeting dates and possible program reviews.

Ms. Perry reviewed the proposed SC Communications protocol.

Dennis Libby and Tim Burns agreed to be the SC representatives for the upcoming GTA negotiations and Ms. Nelson will be the alternate if Mr. Burns is unable to participate.

There was a brief discussion on the November referendum and capital budget planning. Some of the items are a little different than those on the original list. It was also very clear that the Town Council wants the School Committee to increase their capital budget significantly.

There was some discussion on the 2015-2016 School Committee goals. Some of the thoughts:

- Review of the mentoring program
- Defining sub committees
- Integration of more technology
- Website development
- Communication plan

The School Committee discussed the idea of a dinner meeting with the Administrators around Core beliefs/Core Values/Revisioning and the dinner was scheduled for September 23, 5:30 @ GHS.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.