

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 8, 2006

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Paul Kelly, Bus. Man.
	Jim Hager	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jason Libby	Dennis Duquette, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Brad Smith, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Karen Rumery, Curriculum
	Marie South	John Drisko, Principal
	Janet Williams	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Kate Rotroff, GCVCE

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent Sharp and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11 and the Special Meetings of October 5 and October 18, 2006 stood approved.

Mr. Sharp then asked for nominations for Chairman. Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to nominate Jim Hager as Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSTENTIONS (J. Libby, Hager).

Mr. Sharp then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. South to nominate Steve Caldwell as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION (Caldwell).

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to table committee assignments until the School Committee has the opportunity to discuss these assignments (within the next two months). The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

The Superintendent reported that the drafts of the benchmarks for the Strategic plan have been finished.

Mr. Marchand reported that the Naming of Facilities committee will be bring forward a recommendation later on the agenda.

Mr. J. Libby welcomed Terri Dawson to the technology department.

Ms. Williams attended the GHS talent show and was amazed at the talent! Mr. Morrow is doing a fantastic job and suggests we occasionally invite students to school committee meetings to perform.

Ms. Williams also wanted to publicly thank our crossing guards – they do a great job!

It was also suggested by Ms. Williams that the committee members that attended the MSMA conference share some of the information received with the committee.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve the high schools excursion to Spain. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Administrative Reports

Ms. Rumery briefly reviewed the NWEA/MEA reports and the Schedule C Leadership Orientation.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. South reported that the Finance committee met on October 23 and reviewed the audit and expenses YTD.

Personnel – Mr. Caldwell reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and received an update on GTA negotiations.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee did not meet, but there are three policies on tonight's agenda for a second reading.

Vocational Education – Mr. D. Libby reported that WRVTC meets tomorrow and PATHS will meet on November 15.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on November 1 and will begin to look at possible sites. There is a public forum scheduled for January 17, 7:00 PM, at Shaw. The committee will meet again on December 6.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Caldwell moved, seconded by Ms. South to adopt the following policies:

*Policy Adoption (BGB)

*Amendment of Policies (BGC)

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to adopt the Bullying Policy (JICK). The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Ms. Williams reports that the Gorham Educational Foundation is up and running and meets monthly. She also thanked Mr. Marchand for donating his School Committee stipend to the foundation.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. D. Libby that under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1001, 1055 and 5401, the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager be and each acting singly hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with **Gorham Savings Leasing Group LLC** in the name and on behalf of the Town of Gorham, a municipal school unit, acting by and through its School Committee (the "Issuer") for **two 78 passenger buses**, with an aggregate purchase price of **One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$127,366)**, in such form as the Superintendent may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the Issuer be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Issuer such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such tax-exempt lease purchase agreement; and that no part of the proceeds of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 142 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of said Code; and that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager be and he/she hereby is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Issuer to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

The School Committee will review the January 2006 – December 2006 goals at the November 29th workshop.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve Superintendent Sharp's 3-year contract as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Marchand).

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. D. Libby to approve the WRVC Constitution and Bylaws as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Discussions on the WRVC Live Work Policy were tabled.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to appoint the following Schedule B personnel:

Kevin Jenkins	V Boys Basketball
Kelly Littlefield	JV Boys Basketball
Chris Crosby	9 th Boys Basketball
Alan Grady*	8 th Boys Basketball
Greg Morton/Brian White*	7 th Boys Basketball
Sherry Coyne	V Girls Basketball
Michael Esty	JV Girls Basketball
Bob Gould	8 th Girls Basketball
Bob Gould	7 th Girls Basketball
Eric Wales	V Boys Ice Hockey
Jon Portwine	JV Boys Ice Hockey
Chris Bowring	V Girls Ice Hockey
Jeanna Leclerc*	JV Girls Ice Hockey
John Wilkinson	V Boys Indoor Track
Jason Tanguay	JV boys Indoor Track
John Caterina	V Girls Indoor Track
Kim Bennett	JV Girls Indoor Track
John Wilkinson	MS Indoor Track
Kim Bennett	MS Indoor Track Asst.
Greg Prince	Skiing
Sarah Daly	Trainer
Scott Becker	HS Math Team
Sheila McAtee	MS Line Dancing
Christine Triano	History Club
Tom Scannell	HS Musical - Director
Darrell Morrow	HS Musical - Music Director

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Discussions on the All-Day Kindergarten Report were tabled until the November 29th workshop.

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. South to approve the recommendation as presented and name the GMS auditorium the Nina Bailey-Lynn Silcox Middle School Auditorium and pass this request on to the Town Council for action. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

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