

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 13, 2006

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Paul Kelly, Bus. Man.
	Jim Hager	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Jason Libby	Karen Rumery, Curriculum
	Dennis Libby	Brian Porter, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Marie South	Polly Brann, Asst. Prin.
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press

Absent: Janet Williams

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. With one revision, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8 and the Special Meeting of November 29, 2006 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp informed the Committee that he had received the following:

- *letter from Pam Turner thanking the school department for the donation of books to Baxter Library
- *letter from NELMS noting that Mr. Duquette has been appointed a representative
- *letter of from high school teachers regarding contracted custodial services

Mr. J. Libby read letter regarding celebration of Christmas.

Mr. Marchand attended the Concert Band performance – what an outstanding performance by Mr. Mathieu and the students! He also attended the Gorham Community Chorus and GHS Chamber Singers' Prelude to Christmas Concert. This too, was a wonderful performance.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Sharp reported that the Sebago Educational Alliance has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Education for the purpose of developing a Day Treatment program.

The administrative team is finalizing procedures for the Wellness policy and will bring them forward soon for school committee review.

The Education Foundation is receiving donations and has attracted some grant money.

The Superintendent reported that the school department has moved into the new facilities here at Shaw and would like to thank the Town Manager, the contractor and everyone that has worked so hard on the project.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. South reported that the Finance committee met on November 27th and toured Shaw, discussed purchase of accounting software and reviewed the budget YTD. They will meet again on January 22nd.

Personnel – Mr. Caldwell reported that the Personnel committee did not meet, but the GTA contract is on tonight's agenda and the Committee recommends approval.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee did not meet but will meet on January 24th.

Vocational Education - Mr. D. Libby reported that WRVC met on November 9th and discussed capital equipment. They will meet again on January 25th and PATHS will meet tomorrow, the 14th.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on December 6th. They are currently looking at properties and will meet again on January 3rd. Reminder – there will be a public forum regarding the project on January 17th.

Unfinished Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve the recommendation to name the GMS auditorium the Bailey-Silcox Auditorium and forward this request on to the Town Council for action. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to ratify the 2007-2010 GTA negotiated contract as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

The Strategic Plan draft was reviewed and will be on January's agenda for adoption.

The Committee reviewed the 1/1/06-12/31/06 goals and briefly discussed 1/1/07-12/31/07 goals. The Superintendent will present a draft for consideration in January.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to elect Ted Sharp as Superintendent of Schools for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. D. Libby to appoint the following Schedule B personnel:

HS History Club	Triano/Grady/Caulfield/Bond/Panagakos
Freshman Class Advisor	Sue Thurston

The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

