

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 10, 2007

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Jim Hager	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Jason Libby	John Drisko, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Brad Smith, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Kate Rotroff, GCVCE
	Marie South	Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects
	Janet Williams	Students
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press
	Paul Kelly, Bus. Man.	

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2006 stood approved.

The School Committee recognized and congratulated the Gorham High School Girls Soccer team on their Class A State Championship.

Communications

Lyndon Keck informed the School Committee that the Gorham Middle School and PDT were recognized for educational design excellence in *American School & University*.

Mr. Drisko and students reviewed the Senior Internship Proposal. The School Committee will take the request under consideration at the meeting on January 24.

Mr. Sharp briefly reported on the following:

-The ad hoc facilities group has been meeting and a report done by PDT on fields has been received

-Sebago Educational Alliance has received a \$20,000 grant for the Day Treatment program and we have received a \$2,000 grant for citizenship education

-We will be having a teacher from China here in our district from February – June and a teacher from Thailand for four weeks. We are looking for host families for these teachers.

-Wellness protocols have been completed.

-Curriculum review will be changing to a five-year cycle.

-Reminder - the White Rock Community Forum is January 17th.

Mr. Jason Libby asked about the Governor's proposal. Mr. Sharp explained that we know very little at this time, but the Superintendents are meeting with the Commissioner this week and he will keep the School Committee informed.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. South reported that the Finance committee did not meet but will meet on January 22.

Personnel – Mr. Caldwell reported that the Personnel committee did not meet.

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

Vocational Education – Mr. Dennis Libby reported that WRVC will meet on January 25 and PATHS will meet on February 15. Budgets for both schools are on the agenda tonight for approval.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on January 3 and has developed a matrix for use when considering properties. The committee will meet again on February 7.

Unfinished Business

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. D. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to adopt the School Committee Goals as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the FY08 Vocational budgets and bylaws as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

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