

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 14, 2007

Present: Steve Caldwell Dennis Duquette, Principal  
Jim Hager Brad Smith, Principal  
Jason Libby Margaret Evans, Principal  
Roger Marchand Karen Rumery, Curriculum  
Janet Williams Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.  
Ted Sharp, Supt. Kate Rotroff, GCVCE  
Paul Kelly, Bus. Man. WR Parents/Students  
John Drisko, Principal Press  
Brian Porter, Principal

Absent: Dennis Libby Marie South

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 6:58 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 28, 2007 stood approved.

The White Rock children entertained the School Committee with a few songs.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp shared a letter he had received from Stacey Sawyer regarding her sabbatical.

Mr. Hager informed the public that there will be a ceremony around the naming of the GMS auditorium. When we have more detail we will pass the information along.

Mr. Caldwell enjoyed the performance by the White Rock students and thanked them for coming tonight. He suggested we have more of these kinds of things by students.

He also congratulated all of the winter athletic teams and athletes, particularly the Girls Ice Hockey and Boys Indoor Track (both State runner-up) and Boys Basketball for winning the Sportsmanship award. Congratulations to Kelsey Wilson – Gatorade's Soccer Player of the Year.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Sharp reported the following:

- We are in the final stages of hiring the GMS Principal and Business Manager.
- At this time, we have five teachers retiring at the end of this school year.
- Benchmark review committees are up and running.
- The Gorham School Department does not discuss student suspensions/expulsions. The School Committee has policies and procedures in place and these will be followed.

Mr. Drisko updated the Committee on the GHS School Council.

Mr. Smith and staff reviewed Narragansett's Ed Tech/Teaching and Learning

### School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Kelly reported that the Finance committee did not meet, but will meet next Monday.

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

Policy – Mr. J. Libby reported that the Policy committee did not meet, but will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Vocational Education - The Advisory committees will meet next week.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on March 7 and finalized the matrix. It has now become clear that the existing White Rock School will not be remodeled – a new facility will be built. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4.

### Unfinished Business

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adopt the 2007-2008 school calendar as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve the Sebago Alliance Day Treatment Program as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Consideration and action of the Adult Education facility was tabled until a later date.

There was a brief review of the proposed FY08 School Budget, with a few changes made after the March 3<sup>rd</sup> budget meeting. School districts have still not received subsidy figures from the State.

### New Business

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve David Chidsey's request for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve Kim Fadrigon's request for a 1/5 unpaid leave of absence for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve Amber Hatch's request to permanently make her high school English position a 4/5 position. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to reinstate the ESL teacher position as recommended by the Personnel committee. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to appoint Aaron Landry as JV Tennis coach. The motion passed 5 YES. 0 NO.

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

