

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 11, 2007

Present:	Steve Caldwell	John Drisko, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jason Libby	Karen Rumery, Curriculum
	Dennis Libby	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Roger Marchand	Susie Hanley, Asst. Prin.
	Marie South	Kate Rotroff, GCVCE
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press
	Paul Kelly, Bus. Man.	

Absent: Janet Williams

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14 and the Special Meetings of March 14 and March 28, 2007 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp mentioned the following communications:

- letter from the baseball team outlining their experience in New Orleans
- Gerry Durgin applied for, and received, two defibrillators
- GHS will be participating in the WorldQuest 2007 competition at National Semi Conductor
- School Department's budget workshop with the Town Council is April 24th
- April 27th Gorham Education Foundations sponsoring a Coffee & Pastry Tasting

Mr. J. Libby read a letter written by Mrs. Williams regarding the school budget.

Mr. Hager offered his condolences to Bill Neily, former School Committee member, on the passing of his father.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Sharp reminded everyone that we will need to set a date and time for the dedication ceremony of the GMS Auditorium. He also briefly updated the Committee on the most recent school consolidation discussions.

Karen Rumery, Brian Porter, Susie Hanley and John Drisko gave an update on AYP status.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. D. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on March 19 and looked at SNP prices and FY07 expenditures. They will meet again on May 21.

Personnel – Ms. South reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight and discussed the hiring of a maintenance worker and administrator salaries.

Policy – Mr. J. Libby reported that the Policy committee met with Mr. Drisko and reviewed the substance abuse policy. They will meet again on April 25.

Vocational Education – Mr. D. Libby reported that WRVTC has a National Honor Society induction tomorrow night. The PATHS advisory committee met on March 15 and discussed a couple of new programs that will be introduced next year. Because of budget cuts, PATHS will be losing a guidance counselor.

White Rock Project – The meeting scheduled for last Wednesday was cancelled and will meet tomorrow night at 6:00 PM.

Unfinished Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. D. Libby that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to adopt a school budget of \$29,400,181 and to send this recommendation on to the Gorham Town Council for consideration. This represents an increase in the school budget of 6.2%. With this submission, the School Committee recognizes that this request will be approximately \$2,434,598 over the FY08 Essential Programs & Services Model. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve the GHS Excursion to Europe in April 2008 as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

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

7 th Boys Lacrosse	Josh Plowman
MS Girls Track	Jennifer Gleason

The motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Caldwell).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.