

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 9, 2007

Present:	Steve Caldwell	John Drisko, Principal
	Jim Hager	Karen Rumery, Curriculum
	Jason Libby	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Dennis Libby	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Sue Sedenka, ETEP
	Marie South	Kelly Littlefield, GTA
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Students
	Brian Porter, Principal	Press

Absent: Janet Williams

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order by Chairman Hager at 7:04 PM and the roll was. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11 and the Special Meeting of April 25, 2007 stood approved.

Members of the Gorham High Robotics Team gave a brief demonstration.

Public Comment

There was not public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following communications:

- Forrest Plaisted will be going to Washington to represent Gorham in the National History Day project
- GHS has a Presidential Scholar this year – Ben Farrar
- The Town Council approved a budget for FY08, reducing the school's by \$627,000
- We have Middle School students in Washington and a group at Camp Kieve
- Bob Riley was in the district today and Leighton O'Connor will be here one day a week starting next week

Mr. J. Libby stated that we were unable to add the much-needed substance abuse counselor in the budget and reminded parents of the importance of setting good examples and talking with their kids.

Mr. Marchand participated in the high school's mock interviews again this year and, as always, was amazed at the students. It's quite an experience!

Ms. South reported that the School Committee met again Monday night to discuss the budget and wants people to know that the School Department does have needs and that the School Committee is concerned about things that we aren't able to offer. She also feels that it is important for the School Department to present a budget that shows those needs.

Mr. Hager thanked everyone for all their hard work during the budget discussions – he felt that the process went very well.

## Administrative Reports

Sue Sedenka gave an overview of the ETEP Program.

## School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. D. Libby reported that the Finance committee did not meet, but will meet on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Personnel – The Personnel did not meet.

Policy – Mr. J. Libby reported that the Policy committee met last week and reviewed the Drug and Alcohol policy for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Vocational Education – Mr. D. Libby reported that both WRVC and PATHS met and he attended the PATHS meeting. Their graduation is set for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Appraisals have been done and a referendum needs to be scheduled – probably later than November. The committee will meet again on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. D. Libby to approve the list of Probationary teachers as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve Ken Templeton's request for an unpaid leave for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to approve the 1/5 unpaid childcare leave for Betsy Anastasoff for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Dennis Libby moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the list of administrator contracts as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Students Policy (JICH).

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

Debra Beckwith	ESL Teacher
Andrea Bilello	K-2 Special Education

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.