

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 12, 2007

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jim Hager	Karen Rumery, Curriculum
	Jason Libby	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Dennis Libby	Leighton O'Connor, Bus. Man.
	Roger Marchand	John Drisko, Principal
	Marie South	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Janet Williams	Kate Rotroff, GCVCE
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press

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 June 13 and the Special Meetings of July 26, August 15 and August 29, 2007 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Will be scheduling a Dine & Discuss meeting for School Committee/Administrators
- 21st Century Committee will have their first meeting of the year next week.
- SEA focus groups are meeting regularly
- Conversations continue with the Town around collaboration/combined services.
- SEA Day Treatment program is up and running and we are receiving positive feedback.
- The GMS athletic field proposal approved by the SC has gone to the Town.
- We continue to discuss the issue of maintenance/grounds with the Town Manager.
- Security cameras have been installed at GMS.
- Strategic Plan Benchmark Review teams are meeting and results will be presented to the School Committee this fall.

Mr. Hager welcomed new administrators Bob Riley and Leighton O'Connor to Gorham.

Ms. South explained to the public that, because of new obligations at work which require some travel, there will be times when she will be unable to attend meetings, but assured the community that she will continue to be very informed and involved.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Sharp reported that the opening of school went very well and that we are off to a smooth start. Our enrollments are pretty much as expected.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. D. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on August 27 and reviewed the GMS project fund balance and received an update on the new ADS accounting system. The committee will meet again on September 17.

Policy – Mr. J. Libby reported that the Policy committee did not meet during the summer but will meet on September 26. There is a 2nd Reading of the Records Retention policy on the agenda tonight.

Personnel – Ms. Williams reported that the Personnel committee has not met but will meet on October 10.

Vocational Education – Mr. D. Libby reported that PATHS will meet on September 20 and WRVC will meet on October 4.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee has met over the summer and continues to look at possible building sites and they are requesting additional funding for preliminary work from the Town. They will meet again on October 3.

Unfinished Business

Mr. J. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. South to adopt the School Records Retention Policy (EHB) as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

The School Committee reviewed their current School Committee Goals.

New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to appoint the attached list of Schedule B personnel. The motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Hager, Caldwell).

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. J. Libby to appoint the attached list of Schedule C personnel. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.