

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 9, 2008

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Leighton O'Connor, Bus. Man.
	Kyle Currier	John Drisko, Principal
	Jim Hager	Bob Riley, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Brad Smith, Principal
	Janet Williams	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Ted Sharp, Supt	Press

Absent: Marie South

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. With one correction, (2008-2009 school calendar) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2007 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp reported that the School Department had sent a letter to the Public Works Department for their quick response and assistance with our recent incident at the high school.

Mr. Sharp also noted the following:

- The Geography Bee is tomorrow night at GMS.
- The pre budget Dine & Discuss was held last week and the budget process has begun.
- The Finance Committee did a facility walk thru last Saturday.
- By February 1st we must file our final alternative plan with the Commissioner.
- Mark Fryover, Director of Technology has resigned and we will be interviewing soon.

Administrative Report

Mr. Smith updated the School Committee on the work of the K-5 Transition Committee.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on December 17th and reviewed the monthly updates and made the decision to meet with the Town's finance committee. The Finance committee held a walk-thru of our facilities on Saturday. They will meet again on January 28th.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that because of the holiday, the Policy committee did not meet but will meet on January 23rd.

Personnel – Mr. Caldwell reported that the Personnel committee was scheduled to meet tonight but had to cancel that meeting, but will be rescheduling.

Vocational Education – Mr. Libby reported that both the PATHS and WRVC budgets have been approved by the advisory boards and are on the tonight’s agenda for approval.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on January 2nd. Things continue to move along slowly and we are moving forward on the Stevens property. The committee will meet again on February 6th.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to adopt the 2008-2009 School Calendar with the two recommended changes. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

The School Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan Benchmark Reviews.

New Business

Ms. Currier moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve Laure McKeen’s request for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the FY09 Vocational Budgets as presented:

PATHS	\$115,200
WRVC	\$212,394

The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

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