

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 9, 2008

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Leighton O'Connor, Bus. Man.
	Kyle Currier	John Drisko, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brad Smith, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Brian Porter, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Ronnie Hanson, Dir. Sp. Ser.
	Marie South	Kate Rotroff, GCVCE
	Janet Williams	MBCC Staff
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order by Chairman Hager at 7:04 PM and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19 and the Special Meeting of March 26, 2008 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Pam Hecker's resignation
- summer curriculum workshop applications available
- School Committee/Town Council FY09 Budget workshop May 7th
- adoption of a core reading program

Mr. Libby attended the Narragansett parent meeting for Kindergarten, which was very informational. White Rock parents will meet tomorrow night and screening will be taking place.

Ms. Williams reported that the district-wide PIE meeting was well attended and reminded everyone that the Gorham Education Foundation will be holding a Wine Tasting on May 17th.

Mr. Hager reported that a purchase agreement had been signed with the Stevens family for property for the new elementary school.

Administrative Reports

Susan Sedenka reported on the work of the 21st Century Committee.

Mr. Sharp reviewed the Administration Reorganization Plan.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on March 17 and reviewed the monthly expenditure reports, SNP and facilities. They will meet again on April 28.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee did not meet.

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

Vocational Education – Mr. Libby reported that WRVC has not met, but will meet on May 1. PATHS met on March 20 and is considering adding semester long courses.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on April 2 and continued to define the matrix for local cost options. There will be a straw vote on site selection on April 28 and one on concept design on May 29. The committee will meet again on May 7.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. South to approve the elimination of positions as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Libby moved, seconded by Ms. South that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to adopt a school budget of \$29,677,716 and to send this recommendation on to the Town Council for consideration. With this submission, the School Committee recognizes that this request will be approximately \$4,447,948 over the FY09 Essential Programs & Services Model. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve a request for an unpaid leave of absence from Lois Turner for the first half of the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. South to appoint Christopher Record as the new High School Principal effective July 1, 2008. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.