

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 14, 2008

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| Present: | Steve Caldwell | Ted Sharp, Supt.                |
|          | Kyle Currier   | John Drisko, Principal          |
|          | Jim Hager      | Brian Porter, Principal         |
|          | Dennis Libby   | Bob Riley, Principal            |
|          | Roger Marchand | Kate Rotroff, GCVCE             |
|          | Marie South    | Katie Hawes, Special Services   |
|          | Janet Williams | Jennifer Searway, Day Treatment |

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Hager and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9 and the Special Meeting of April 2, 2008 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- The School committee met with the Town Council for a joint budget workshop.
- GHS will be starting an advisory program in the fall.
- The Department of Education has endorsed the site for the new elementary school.
- There are 47 seniors participating in Senior Internships this year.

Mr. Marchand reported that he again participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade interviews and, as usual, was very impressed with the students and had a wonderful time.

Mr. Hager reminded everyone that the referendum on the FY09 budget will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Reports

Katie Hawes and Jennifer Searway reported on the SEA Day Treatment Program at Little Falls.

John Drisko reported on the high school's advisory program that will begin in September.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on May 5 and looked at facility maintenance issues and will meet again on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee did not meet, but is scheduled to meet on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

Vocational Education – Mr. Libby reported that WRVC’s graduation is May 22 and PATHS’ graduation is this Friday.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager reported the Straw Vote on the Site Selection for the new elementary school was 54-2. The Straw Vote on Concept Design will be held on May 29 and the next meeting of the WR Project committee will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Gorham Educational Foundation – Ms. Williams reported that GEF had recently funded four grants and, along with Gorham Savings Bank, will be sponsoring Financial Literacy Camps.

#### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to approve Betsy Anastasoff’s request for a 1/5 unpaid leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. South to approve Ronnie Hanson’s request for a leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to appoint the attached list of probationary teachers. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to appoint Katie Hawes as the Director of Special Services for the school year 2008-2009. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to appoint Timothy O’Connor as a special education teacher. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. South moved, seconded by Mr. Libby to appoint Joshua Longstaff as the Varsity Boys Basketball coach. The motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Marchand).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.