

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2008

Present:	Steve Caldwell	Bob Riley, Principal
	Kyle Currier	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brad Smith, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Katie Hawes, Instructional Support
	Marie South	Paul Roney, Facilities & Transp.
	Janet Williams	Hollis Cobb, Finance Officer
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Diane Knott, Gifted & Talented
	Chris Record, Principal	Press

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 corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2008 stood approved.

School Committee members Steve Caldwell, Dennis Libby and Janet Williams were recognized for their years of service and dedication to the Gorham School Department.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- We are well into the Strategic Plan's benchmark reviews.
- He is meeting with all candidates for School Committee.
- We have scheduled RTI training with Judy True on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Reports

Diane Knott updated the School Committee on the status of the Gifted & Talented Program.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee received an update from Paul Roney on the status of the burners and was informed that gas and electrical costs have been locked in. There was also some discussion on the status of the playgrounds. The committee will meet again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on September 24 and earlier this evening. They discussed protocols for policy review, the status of required policies, and worked on the Field Trip and Excursion Policy – which will be on the agenda November 5<sup>th</sup> for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Personnel – Mr. Caldwell reported that the Personnel committee has not met.

Vocational Education - Mr. Libby reported that WRVC met on September 16<sup>th</sup> and received an update on the Heavy Equipment program (which is full) and approved the constitution and Live Work policy. They will meet again on November 12<sup>th</sup>. PATHS met on September 15<sup>th</sup> and approved the bylaws and Live Work policy. The next meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

White Rock Project – Mr. Hager thanked the community for its overwhelming support of the referendum. The next meeting will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

GEF – Ms. Williams reports that the Foundation kicked off its annual membership drive. They have provided financial literacy camps, will continue the fund raiser with Baxter, and is considering an adult spelling bee.

#### Unfinished Business

There was continued discussion on the status of the playgrounds and next steps.

#### New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to move the Schedule B & C appointments as a list. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint the attached Schedule B & C personnel as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Caldwell, Hager).

The School Committee reviewed the School Preparedness Checklist.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.