

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 3, 2008

Present:	Kyle Currier	Chris Record, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Bob Riley, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brad Smith, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Kathy Hamblen, Asst. Dir. ISS
	Marie South	Paul Roney, Maint./Transp.
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Hollis Cobb, Finance	Press

Absent: Polly Shields

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5 and the Special Meeting of November 19, 2008 stood approved.

Public Comment

Suzanne Ennis commented on the lack of American flags in classrooms. She wants the Superintendent to obey the law in this matter and for him to make sure these are installed as soon as possible.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- We had received a letter requesting review of some bus loads.
- FY10 PATHS budget was not approved, but will be looked at again soon.
- The Sebago Alliance is looking at possibly getting a license for Virtual HS.
- This week's "School Talk" will be on the new elementary school.
- The Emergency Preparedness Plan is almost ready to be presented to SC.

Mr. Hager addressed the recent media coverage on the geothermal issue.

Administrative Reports

Margaret Evans and Brad Smith reviewed the partnerships to benefit children.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on November 17th and reviewed the playground recommendations, FY08 budget update and agenda items. They will meet again on December 8th.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on November 19th and set priorities/goals for the year and drafted an Athletic Policy for a 1st Reading. They will meet again on January 28th.

Personnel – Ms. South reported that the Personnel committee met earlier tonight to orient new members and received an update on negotiations. They will meet again on January 14th.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that the WRVC advisory committee will meet on December 7th to review the capital budget.

New Elementary Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on November 19th and will meet again on December 10th.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp reported that the district's FY09 subsidy is being reduced by \$324,552 and outlined where those cuts would be made. Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for reduction as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

There was a brief review of the School Committee's P.I. E. meetings.

There was a 1st Reading of the Athletic Policy (JJI).

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. South to elect Ted Sharp as Superintendent of Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.