

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 14, 2009

Present:	Kyle Currier	Chris Record, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brad Smith, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Margaret Evans, Principal
	Roger Marchand	Katie Hawes, Director ISS
	Polly Shields	Gerry Durgin, Athletics
	Marie South	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press
	Bob Riley, Principal	Public

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

All agreed to take item #5.3 out of order, and consider it at this point on the agenda. Mr. Sharp reviewed the process that had taken place regarding the pledge of allegiance. After some discussion, Ms. Currier moved, seconded by Ms. South that students and staff at Gorham High School have the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms during daily announcements. The motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Garrard).

Communications

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Thermostats in the schools have been set at 68 degrees
- SEA School Committees will have a Dine & Discuss on March 26th
- We will be putting an article in the Gorham Times regarding budget/subsidy.
- The closing on the Steven's property for the new school should take place soon.
- The administrative team is currently working on the FY10 budget.
- School Committee orientation will take place on January 21st.

Ms. Garrard participated in the tech interviews at the high school.

Mr. Libby reported that the Village playground has been removed, the new equipment has been received and will be installed in the spring.

Administrative Reports

Chris Record, Bob Riley, Brian Porter and Gerry Durgin reviewed K-12 activities and athletics.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee is considering an annual agenda and continues to monitor the FY09 budget. They meet again on January 26th.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on December 17th and revised the Athletic policy and set some priorities. They will meet again on January 28th.

Personnel – Ms. South reported that the Personnel committee has not met, but negotiations will begin soon with both the MBCC and SAA.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that both WRVC and PATHS have met and approved budgets.

New Elementary Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on December 10th and reviewed an animation of the new school. They will meet again on February 4th.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. South to adopt the Athletic policy (JJI) as presented. After some discussion, Mr. Hager moved to withdraw the motion, seconded by Ms. South. The Policy committee will look at this again.

New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the FY10 vocational budgets as presented:

WRVC	\$209,840
PATHS	\$161,225

The motion passed 7 YES, NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. South to appoint Kathy Garrard as the School Committee representative to the Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Libby reminded the School Committee that the March 11th meeting had been rescheduled for March 18th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.