

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 8, 2009

Present: Kyle Currier
Kathy Garrard
Dennis Libby
Roger Marchand
Polly Shields (7:06)
Ted Sharp, Supt.
Chris Record, Principal
Bob Riley, Principal

Brian Porter, Principal
Brad Smith, Principal
Margaret Evans, Principal
Katie Hawes, Dir. Instructional Support
Dennis Crowe, Technology
Michael Lortie, GTA
Students
Press

Absent: Jim Hager
Marie South

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11 and the Special Meetings of February 25, March 9 and March 25, 2009 stood approved.

Public Comment

Suzanne Ennis addressed the School Committee on the current practices at GHS regarding the pledge of allegiance.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- An OM team from Village is on it's way to Iowa to a competition
- Gorham recreation fields are now smoke free due to the efforts of a group of GHS students.
- Gorham Educational Foundation and Baxter Library will be holding a fundraiser.
- Commissioner Sue Gendron will be holding another conference next week.
- The next School Talk show will be on the development of the school budget.
- We have established an ad hoc committee to look at extended kindergarten and pre K.

Mr. Marchand congratulated the Odyssey of the Mind team from Village School and wished them well at the competition in Iowa.

Mr. Libby congratulated Katie Hawes and the special education staff on their recent Special Education Review by the Department of Education.

Administrative Reports

Chris Records highlighted some of the accomplishments of GHS students and members of the Key Club gave a presentation.

Brad Smith, Margaret Evans and Brian Porter updated the School Committee on the work of the K-5 Transition Committee.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee met on March 16 and adopted an agenda for Finance meetings and reviewed the status of the FY09 budget. Dennis Crowe also met with them to review the high school lap top initiative. The committee will meet again on April 13th to review the audit.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the policy committee met on February 25, March 25 and April 1 to work on the Homework Policy, Child Find Policy and Referral/Pre-referral Policy – all of which are on the agenda tonight for a 1st Reading. They will meet again on April 13th and review the student transportation policy.

Personnel – The Personnel committee has not met.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that PATHS will meet on April 16. WRVC did meet, but she did not attend.

New Elementary Project - Mr. Libby reported that the committee met on March 16th and will meet again on April 15th. We have closed on the property.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp gave an update on the status of the FY10 school budget.

New Business

There was a 1st Reading of the following policies:

- Homework Policy (IKB)
- Child Find Policy (IHBAC)
- Referral/Pre-Referral Policy (IHBAA)

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint Virginia Wilder Cross and Laurie Scott to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a two-year term. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint Brian Knox to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a one-year term. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to appoint Tom Talbot as the JV Boys Lacrosse coach. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.