

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 10, 2010

Present:	Kyle Currier	Brian Porter, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Brad Smith, Principal
	Jim Hager	Kathy Hamblen, ISS
	Dennis Libby	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Roger Marchand	Teachers
	Polly Shields	Press
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	

Absent: Marie South

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 February 10 and the Special Meeting of February 24, 2010 stood approved.

Public Comment

Janet Williams gave an update on the Gorham Educational Foundation.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Maine is applying for “Race to the Top” funds
- The school department continues discussions with the town to develop a capital plan and expand collaboration.
- We have met with financial groups in Boston regarding bonds for the new elementary school project.
- Performances of the GHS musical FAME will begin on March 12th.
- The GMS performance of Kamp Kaos begins March 25th.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter and teachers gave an update on the Everyday Math and Reading Street programs.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on February 22 to review the year-to-date FY10 budget and will meet again on March 22nd.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on February 24 and earlier tonight to work on the Student Transportation Policy. They will meet again on March 24th.

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee has not met.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that she did not attend the last meeting.

New Elementary School – Mr. Hager reported that the committee did not meet, but will meet on April 7th.

Percent for Art – Mr. Marchand reported that the RFP has been sent out to artists and are due by April 23rd. The committee will meet again the first of May.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp briefly updated the committee on the FY11 Budget and reminded everyone about the Budget Workshop on Saturday, March 13th.

New Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Garrard to approve Jackie Taylor's request for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Currier to approve the FY11 WRVC Budget of \$277,901.78 as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.