

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 9, 2009

Present: Kathy Garrard Bob Riley, Principal
Jim Hager Brian Porter, Principal
Dennis Libby Brad Smith, Principal
Roger Marchnad Katie Hawes, Director ISS
Polly Shields Dennis Crowe, technology
Ted Sharp, Supt. Press
Chris Record, Principal

Absent: Kyle Currier 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. With one correction, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10 and the Special Meetings of June 15, June 24, August 12 and August 26, 2009 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications

Dr. Tory Rogers, Let's Go! Medical Director, gave a presentation on the 5210 Goes to School program.

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- GHS and GMS fall athletic schedules are now available.
- Teachers wrote and participated in 32 summer curriculum projects.
- Construction bids on the new school will be opened on September 23.
- The new GMS fields are now open and the circle in front of the school as been cleared.
- The White Rock playground will be installed in mid-October.
- Welcome to Norm Justice, the new Director of Facilities & Transportation.

Mr. Libby reminded everyone of the GEF Adult Spelling Bee on October 24 – they still need teams!

He also had the pleasure of welcoming staff back on the August 27 inservice day.

Administrative Reports

Administrators gave a brief overview on the opening of school.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on August 17 and reviewed the year-to-date financials. They will meet again on September 28.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee has not met, but will meet on September 26.

Personnel – Did not meet.

Vocational Education – Did not meet.

New Elementary School Project – Mr. Hager reported that the committee will meet on September 23 to award the construction bid.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp gave an update on the state's subsidy projections. He attended a meeting in Augusta with the Commissioner and members of the Appropriation and Education committees, who were looking for input from the superintendents. It appears as though there will probably be two curtailments this year – the first likely in October. The district is already looking at ways to deal with that possibility.

Mr. Sharp also reports that the district has been planning for the possible H1N1 flu and is well prepared should that happen.

New Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint the attached Schedule C personnel. The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 NO.

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to appoint Roger Marchand as Gorham's MSMA Delegate. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.