

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 14, 2010

Present:	Kyle Currier	Bob Riley, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jim Hager	Brad Smith, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Katie Hawes, ISS Director
	Roger Marchand	Gerry Durgin, Athletic Dir.
	Polly Shields	Norm Justice, Maint. & Transp.
	Marie South	Parents
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Students
	Chris Record, Principal	Press

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10 and the Special meeting of March 24, 2010 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Jeff Carpenter and GMS students presented their National History Day project.

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Winners of the Friends of Baxter Writing Contest were announced.
- GEF will hold their spring fundraiser “Uno De Mayo” on May 1st
- Updates on the New Elementary School are up on the website.
- Discussions continue with the Town on a capital plan.
- Strategic Plan benchmark Review Committees will be meeting this spring.

Mr. Marchand congratulated students from Village School and the Middle School that participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

Mr. Libby reported that he attended a seminar on Race to the Top, along with the Superintendent and Mr. Lortie.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter, Mr. Riley and Mr. Record reported on students activities in the schools. Mr. Durgin also gave an update on Gorham athletics.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on March 22 and reviewed the budget and the tree clearing contract at GMS. The committee will meet again on April 26.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on March 24 and earlier tonight to finalize the Transportation policy for a 1st Reading. The committee will meet again on April 28.

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

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that PATHS met on March 18. The investigative task force met twice and is putting together a 3-stage plan for merger.

New Elementary School – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on April 7 and approved change orders. Currently, the construction is about a month ahead of schedule due to the mild winter. The committee will meet again on June 2.

Percent for Art – Mr. Marchand reported that submissions are due April 23. The committee will meet on May 3 for screening and invite finalists to meet sometime in June.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. Hager that the School Committee approves and authorizes the Superintendent to adopt a school budget of \$30,363,027. This figure represents a 2.31% increase over the FY10 budget and has 1.78% or 0.18 cents more than the FY10 Budget on the exiting tax base, the mil rate, from 10.12 in FY10 to 10.30 in FY11. This is the only part of the FY11 Budget that requires State and Local (Town of Gorham) support. In addition, the School Committee approves the acceptance of \$755,079 in Stimulus (Stabilization) funds. As additional revenue to the School Department this results in a total FY11 Budget of \$31,118,106. This represents an increase of 4.85% over the FY10 Budget. It represents 1.78% or 0.18 cents more on the mil rate as compared to FY10. Note: Only general fund accounts should be included in the Budget Categories of the Warrant Articles. The total amount of the Budget Categories should equal the Summary Warrant Article. The AARA (Stimulus) funds are federal monies and the Warrant Articles are for state and local tax dollars. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint Wayne Drown and Emanuel Manno to the Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Hager).

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to appoint Lisa Shiers as the Special Olympics coach. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

