

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 12, 2010

Present:	Kyle Currier	Ted Sharp, Supt.
	Kathy Garrard	Brad Smith, Principal
	Jim Hager	Diane Knott, GT
	Dennis Libby	Norm Justice, Main./Transp.
	Roger Marchand	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Polly Shields	Students
	Marie South	Press

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. With one correction, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14 and the Special Meetings of April 12 and May 6, 2010 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications

Mr. Sharp noted that the School Committee/Town Council budget workshop will be held next Tuesday, May 18th. He also read a letter regarding the K-5 Transition Staff Selection.

Mr. Libby reported that he attended the 1st grade musical and Village musical – all of the kids did a great job!

Administrative Reports

The high school's Key Club gave a presentation.

Diane Knott reported on the status of the Gifted & Talented program.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on April 26 and reviewed the FY10 budget year-to-date, and will meet again on May 17.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on April 28 and worked on the revision of the Student Transportation Policy (EEA).

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee has not needed to meet.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that WRVC met on May 6 and reviewed the budget and enrollment numbers. There have been discussions on the 2nd phase of the merger.

New Elementary School – Mr. Hager reported that the committee did not meet, but will be meeting sometime in June.

Percent for Art – Mr. Marchand reported that the committee received 80 proposals. They will meet on May 20 to review and select 4 or 5 artists to give a presentation.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Marchand reported that, after receiving new information, the Policy committee feels they need to further review the Student Transportation policy before bringing it back to the School Committee.

New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to appoint the following probationary teacher:

1st Year Probationary to 2nd Year

Matthew Murray
Nancy Acker-Wolfhagen
David Patterson
Amy Noble
Alisha Johnson
Claudine Emerson
Christine Frost Bertinet

2nd Year Probationary to Continuing

Jessica Beaulieu
Larilee English
Tim O'Connor
Kathy Pizzo
Laurie Sibley
Josie Tierney-Fife

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. South to vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 13201, to eliminate the following positions for the 2010-2011 school year because of changes in local conditions:

- 1.0 Middle School Classroom Teacher (*retirement*)
- 1.0 Middle School Allied Arts Teacher (*retirement*)
- 1.0 HS Special Education Teacher (Transition)
- 1.0 Village Special Education Teacher (Resource Room) (*Retirement*)
- .6 Latin Teacher

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Garrard to vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 13201, to terminate the teaching contracts of:

Allison Armstrong (1.0)
Mark Churchill (.60)

as of August 31, 2010 as the result of the elimination of their position(s); and to instruct the Superintendent to provide them with at least 90 days prior written notice of the elimination of those position(s) and the termination of their contract(s) as a result. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to instruct the Superintendent not to submit a memorandum of understanding to the Maine Department of Education indicating our intent to submit an application for Race-to-the-Top funds. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

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