

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 9, 2011

Present: Kyle Carrier  
Kathy Garrard (7:05)  
Jim Hager  
Dennis Libby  
Roger Marchand

Polly Shields  
Ted Sharp, Supt.  
Gerry Durgin, Athletic Dir.  
Michael Lortie, GTA

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 January 19 and Special Meetings of January 6 and January 19, 2011 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- The Gorham Educational Foundation recently taped a session of *School Talk*.
- Cumberland County Superintendents met with their legislators on January 27.
- The FY12 Budget will be rolled out next Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Gorham High School was recently named one of Maine's highest performing schools.

Mr. Libby thanked the Town Council for approving the recommended name of the new school - Great Falls Elementary – and also thanked the naming committee for their work.

Mr. Libby also reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Marie South and thanked her for all of her dedication, hard work and leadership over the last eleven years. It is appreciated.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Durgin presented the annual review of the athletic department.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. Carrier reported that the Finance committee met on January 24 and reviewed the FY11 budget year-to-date, began to look at the FY12 budget and reviewed the capital plan. They will meet again on February 28.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on January 25 and reviewed the Bullying Policy, Weapons, Violence and School Safety Policy and Board member

Code of Ethics Policy. These are all on the agenda tonight for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The committee will meet again on February 15.

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee met on January 26 and reviewed the Athletic Director job description and search and continued discussion on the School Committee orientation. They will meet again on February 15.

Vocational Education – There was no report.

New Elementary School – Mr. Hager reported that the committee did not meet but will meet on March 2.

### Unfinished Business

### New Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Garrard to accept Marie South's resignation. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to request the Town Council authorize a special election in June to fill Ms. South's unexpired term. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint Janet Williams to replace Ms. South until the special election in June. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies:

- Bullying (JICK)
- Weapons, Violence and School Safety (JICIA)
- Board Member Code of Ethics (BCA)

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