

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 10, 2010

Present:        Kyle Currier (left 8:20)        Marie South  
                  Jim Hager                                Ted Sharp, Supt.  
                  Dennis Libby                                Norm Justice, Maint/Transp  
                  Roger Marchand                            Michael Lortie, GTA  
                  Polly Shields                                Press

Absent:        Kathy Garrard

The Regular Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13 and the Special Meetings of October 27 and November 2, 2010 stood approved.

Mr. Libby then turned the meeting over to the Superintendent, who then asked for nominations for Chair.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to nominate Dennis Libby as Chairman and Roger Marchand as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO to elect Dennis Libby as Chairman and 6 YES, 0 NO to elect Roger Marchand as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Libby then noted the sub-committee assignments for the year:

Finance – Kyle Currier\*, Jim Hager, Dennis Libby  
Policy – Roger Marchand\*, Polly Shields, Kathy Garrard  
Personnel – Kathy Garrard\*, Polly Shields, Marie South  
Vocational Education – Kyle Currier  
Stipend Review – Dennis Libby

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- He met with representatives from Gorham Trails.
- The Stipend Review Committee met last week.
- School Talk was taped last week (GMS Garden, Harvest lunch, etc.)
- SEA Day Treatment program will likely be moving to SAD #6 next year.
- SEA School Committee Dine & Discuss will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at WRVC.
- SEA is currently developing a strategic plan.

Mr. Marchand remarked on how good the GMS garden always looks. He often passes it and is impressed – obviously the students take great pride in it.

Mr. Hager thanked Ms. Currier and Mr. Marchand for running for reelection. It is very much appreciated.

Mr. Libby apologized for not getting the school cancellation on the web as soon as it should have been, but the problem has been rectified.

### School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Hager reported that the Finance committee met on October 18<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed FY11 year-to-date budget reports and recommended purchase of GPS units for our busses. The committee will meet again on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on October 27<sup>th</sup> and reviewed agenda focus points for the year. The committee will meet again on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel – Mr. Libby reported that the Personnel committee did not meet. They did meet earlier in the fall and recommended to the School Committee that stipends not be adjusted.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that WRVC met on October 14<sup>th</sup>, reviewed enrollments, looked at the proposed budget and discussed allocations. They will meet again on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

New Elementary School – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Construction is progressing very well and we do expect it to be ready for September 2011. At this time, about 61% of the funds have been invested. The Playground Committee has made their recommendations and that equipment is being purchased. The Committee meets again on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp and Mr. Marchand (MSBA Delegate) outlined the Alternative Resolution on Affordable Health Insurance. Everyone endorsed the idea and agreed that the Superintendent would draft a resolution for the School Committee to review at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint Becky Fortier Assistant Principal at the new elementary school beginning July 1, 2011. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

### New Business

Ms. South moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the Retirement Incentive Program as proposed. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Board Committees Policy (BDE).

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. South to take a brief recess (8:12 - 8:20 PM). The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. South moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to approve the Attendance Zones as presented. The motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

