

## GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 9, 2011

Present: Kyle Currier  
Kathy Garrard  
Jim Hager  
Dennis Libby  
Roger Marchand  
Polly Shields  
Ted Sharp, Supt.

Chris Record, Principal  
Dennis Crowe, Technology  
Kate Rotroff, Adult Education  
Karen Rohrbacher, Teacher  
Michael Lortie, GTA  
Students  
Press

Absent: Janet Williams

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 February 9 and the Special Meeting of February 3, 2011 stood approved.

#### Public Comment

Suzanne Ennis reported on the status of flags and pledge of allegiance.

Karen Rohbacher and some of her students presented a slide show they had put together.

#### Communications

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- The School Committee will review the FY12 Budget at the March 23 workshop.
- Schools will be reporting out on school culture surveys later this spring.
- There were nine teachers that opted for the Retirement Incentive.
- The K-5 Transition Team is finalizing building staff for next fall.
- The Stipend review Committee will be meeting later this month.

Mr. Libby thanked everyone for coming to the Saturday budget workshop and reminded the public that GoCat will be running that tape.

He also reminded everyone that the Village, Middle School and High School musicals will be coming up soon.

#### Administrative Reports

Kate Rotroff gave a review on the Adult Education Program.

#### School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. Currier reported that the Finance committee met on February 28<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the FY11 Budget year-to-date, capital plan, FY12 Budget, and the proposed Bidding and Purchasing policy. The committee will meet again on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on February 15<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the Bullying policy, Weapons, Violence and School Safety policy and the Board Member Code of Ethics policy for a second reading. On March 8<sup>th</sup> they met and prepared the Bidding and Purchasing policy for a first reading. They also met with Teresa Merrill and drafted an Allergy policy which is on the agenda tonight for a first reading. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee met on February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> to continue work on the School Committee Orientation and will meet again on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that PATHS met in February. They are working on an agreement with WRVC and a new budget process. School Committee members are invited to visit the school and see everything that is going on. They will meet again on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Great Falls Elementary – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and had a great presentation by Chris Crawford, Village School librarian. The web site has been updated and he encouraged the public to take a look at the progress. The committee meets again on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Unfinished Business

Mr. Sharp gave an update on the FY12 Budget and reviewed the process for the public.

Mr. Crowe reviewed the Five Year Technology Plan.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to adopt the Bullying Policy (JICK) as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Currier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to adopt the Weapons, Violence and School Safety Policy (JICIA) as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to adopt the Board Member Code of Ethics Policy (BCA) as presented. The motion did not pass 3 YES, 3 NO (Hager, Currier, Libby).

After some discussion, Ms. Currier moved that the Board Member Code of Ethics document be accepted as a Core Document. There was no second, the motion failed.

#### New Business

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Allergy Policy and the Bidding and Purchasing Policy.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to approve the attached list of Schedule B personnel. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.