

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 6, 2011

Present:	Kyle Carrier	Chris Record, Principal
	Kathy Garrard	Katie Hawes, ISS
	Jim Hager	Kathy Hamblen, ISS
	Dennis Libby	Diane Knott, Teacher
	Roger Marchand	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Polly Shields	Students
	Janet Williams	Press
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Libby and the roll was called. With one correction, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9th and the Special Meeting of March 23, 2011 stood approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Communications/Reports

Village School Odyssey of the Mind team members were recognized for their 1st Place finish in the State competition and look forward to going to the World Finals later in the spring.

The GHS One Act Play Ensemble was recognized for winning the State Class A Championship and will continue on to the New England Competition later this month.

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- Girls's basketball coach Laughn Berthiaume has been named Coach of the Year.
- Eight Gorham students recently had art on display at the Portland Museum of Art.
- The Stipend Review Committee met last month.
- Tim Spears has been hired as the new Athletic Director, effective July 1st.
- The Administration will report on the School Culture Surveys at the May 25th workshop.
- Planning for the K-5 transition continues.
- There is a group of Superintendents working with the Commissioner as an advisory group.

Ms. Garrard reported that she attended the GHS musical and was amazed at the talent. It was particularly enjoyable because there were students from Narragansett and Village in it also.

Mr. Libby reported that he enjoyed the GMS play – the kids did a great job. The Village musical will be held on May 7th and 8th.

He also reminded parents that kindergarten screening and registration are currently taking place.

Administrative Reports

Katie Hawes reported on Instructional Support Services.

Ms. Hawes also gave an update on the Jumpstart program.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Ms. Currier reported that the Finance committee met on March 21st and reviewed the FY11 year-to-date and put the final touches on the proposed FY12 budget. The committee meets again on April 27th.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee met on April 5th and finalized the Allergy and Bidding/Purchasing policies for a 2nd Reading tonight. The will meet again on May 7th.

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee met on April 5th and finalized the SC Orientation packet. They hope to bring it to the School Committee sometime in May.

Vocational Education – Ms. Currier reported that the advisory committees met on March 17th, but it appears that discussions around consolidation have slowed for now.

Great Falls – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on March 2nd. The budget is being reviewed, the web site is updated, and progress continues. The committee meets again next week.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand that the School Committee approve and authorize the Superintendent to adopt a FY12 school budget of \$31,280,834. This figure represents a 3.02% increase over the FY11 budget and has 1.23% or 0.13 cents more than the FY11 budget on the existing tax base, the mil rate, from 10.30 in FY11 to 10.43 in FY12. This is the only part of the FY12 budget that requires State and local (Town of Gorham) support. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Currier to endorse the Five Year Technology Plan. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to adopt the Allergy Policy (JLCE) as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Ms. Garrard moved, seconded by Mr. Hager to adopt the Bidding/Purchasing Policy (DJ) as presented. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

New Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to appoint Rachel Presby as a special education teacher at Gorham Middle School. The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to appoint the following Schedule B personnel:

7th Grade Lacrosse
Special Olympics

Mackenzie Smith
Lisa Shiers

The motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.