

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 11, 2011

Present:	Kathy Garrard	Brian Porter, Principal
	Jim Hager	Chris Record, Principal
	Dennis Libby	Michael Lortie, GTA
	Roger Marchand	Nancy Porter & Students
	Polly Shields	Rob Roy
	Janet Williams	Tim Spears
	Ted Sharp, Supt.	Press
Absent:	Kyle Currier	

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 April 6th and the Special Meeting of April 28th, 2011 stood approved.

Public Comment

Craig Stirling spoke regarding the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a brief presentation by the GHS Robotics Team.

Communications

Mr. Sharp noted the following:

- We received a letter from Westbrook ending discussions with PATHS for now.
- Gorham Founders Festival is May 27th – 30th.
- June 2nd @ 5:00 PM is the White Rock School closing ceremony.
- SMCC will be offering two courses at GHS next year.
- Heather Whitaker will be the new alternative education teacher at GMS next year.
- We had a number of students participate in the May 6th Special Olympics.

Ms. Williams reported that the Gorham Education Foundation recently gave out 8 grants.

Mr. Libby reported that Commissioner Bowen spoke on April 25th and thought there was some good discussion. He also reminded the public that there is a Parent Forum on K-5 Transition May 23rd.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter reported on the annual K-12 Assessments.

Tim Spear, who will take over as Athletic Director on July 1st was introduced.

School Committee Standing and Special Committees

Finance – Mr. Libby reported that the Finance committee met and reviewed the status of the FY11 budget and received the Anthem rate increase. The Finance Office continues to work on the internal audits. The committee will meet again on May 17th.

Policy – Mr. Marchand reported that the Policy committee did not meet.

Personnel – Ms. Garrard reported that the Personnel committee did not meet.

Vocational Education – Mr. Sharp reported that he attended the PATHS advisory meeting on May 5th and they had a student presentation on Habitat for Humanity. They discussed the possibility of offering a financial literacy course and the issue of students driving to PATHS. WRVC also met on May 5th and reviewed courses, reducing some sections of some programs.

Great Falls Elementary – Mr. Hager reported that the committee met on May 4th. There are some funds remaining in the local share and they are looking at possible uses for it such as increasing the art in the school, library books and a small storage shed. The committee meets again on June 2nd.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand that the School Committee approves and authorizes the Superintendent to adopt a FY12 school budget of \$31,195,670. This figure represents a 2.74% increase over the FY11 budget and has 0.60% or 0.06 cents more than the FY11 budget on the existing tax base, the mil rate, from 10.30 in FY11 to 10.36 in FY12. This is the only part of the FY12 Budget that requires State and Local (Town of Gorham) support. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to approve the Schedule B proposal as presented. The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO.

Mr. Record reviewed the GHS Higher Performing School Report.

New Business

Mr. Hager moved, seconded by Mr. Marchand to appoint the following probationary teachers:

Probationary 1

Tim Ebersold
Tyler Berthiaume
Alyssa Drozd
Angela Gospodarek
Sandra Morrell
James Welsch
Jeff Burnap
Laura Burbine
Amy Stewart

Probationary 2

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

The motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO,

There was some discussion on the Chinese exchange school agreement.

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