

Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

School Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2010

School Board Members, Present

Keith Allard
Sue Tremblay
Dian McCarthy
Henry Boyle
Ginny McKinnon
Jennifer Theroux
Philip Pancoast
Liz Kelly, Student Representative

Administration, Present

Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Ray Labore, Business Administrator

Teacher Representatives, Present

Mary Grassett
Peggy Zola

Call to Order

Keith Allard called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM and led the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes 11/1/10

Philip Pancoast made a motion to approve the November 15, 2010 minutes. Sue Tremblay seconded. Henry Boyle asked if on page 5 the Board purposely did not seal the non-public minutes. Keith Allard stated the Board had discussed and decided not to seal those minutes. ***VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

Correspondence

- Teacher/Nurse Substitute Report

Commendations/Good News

- Liz Kelly stated the GHS Veteran's Day assembly was last Wednesday and Kent Nolan, Goffstown School Board member, was the guest speaker. Ms. Kelly stated the GHS Student Council Canned Food Drive would start December 6th, they are hoping for more fruits and vegetables. Ms. Kelly stated the GHS Select Vocals would be performing with some local choirs this season. Ms. Kelly discussed a new program "Toys for Teens" going on at GHS this year; it is for unfortunate, needy teens that go without gifts during the holiday season.
- Stacy Buckley thanked Liz Kelly for the Select Choir performing at the last football game of the season and stated they did a very nice job.
- Peggy Zola stated Maple Avenue would be having their Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday; will be feeding 550 people. Mrs. Zola stated tomorrow the 3rd grade would be taking a virtual field trip to Plymouth Plantation; a 30-minute webcast starting at 1 PM.
- Mary Grassett stated the MVMS Annual Turkey Trot Food Drive is underway and they have set a goal for 3,000 cans. Mrs. Grassett stated last week Team 8-3 had a drive for Liberty House and handed in 1,024 cans; the director of Liberty House came to the school and talked to the students.

Philip Pancoast asked Mrs. Zola about the virtual field trip and how it was brought to the school. Mrs. Zola stated she found out about it on scholastic.com and that it streams in. Mr. Pancoast asked if it was interactive. Mrs. Zola stated no, but if students had questions the class could email them; the students are really looking forward to this event.

- Ginny McKinnon stated Glen Lake had a family literacy night and it was wonderful and very well recieved. Mrs. McKinnon stated all the students were able to bring home a book. Stacy Buckley stated they really get a good turnout with parents and students and it is an opportunity to talk with parents about the Reading Streets Program.

Public Comment

None

Administration/Finance Committee Report

Henry Boyle brought forward the manifest in the amount of \$1,354,758.98. Philip Pancoast seconded. Ray Labore briefly reviewed manifest contents. ***VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

Human Resource Committee Report

The next HR Committee meeting will be on November 22 at 6 PM at the SAU.

Planning and Communications Committee

Dian McCarthy stated the Committee submitted an article on the budget for this Thursday's paper.

The next Planning and Communications Committee meeting will be on December 6 at 6 PM at GHS.

Curriculum and Education Committee Report

The next C&E Committee meeting will be on November 22 at 7 PM at the SAU.

Superintendent's Report

Stacy Buckley stated there were Veteran's Day assemblies at all the schools last week; all went well.

Stacy Buckley stated they received the numbers for the adequacy grant for next year and based on today's numbers, Goffstown will be losing about \$12,000 in adequacy grant funds; will be going into budget with that reduction number. Mrs. Buckley stated they do not know where legislation will go in regards to adequacy.

Stacy Buckley stated last January the health insurance provider, Local Government Center, made a change in the prescription plan (long-term maintenance had to go through Caremark). Mrs. Buckley stated they were notified two weeks ago of the option to go back to the other prescription plan at a cost of 1% of the health premium. Mrs. Buckley stated she has not heard anything from anyone about wanting to change back to the old plan, but has sent out copies of the notification to the unions so they know the option is there; Board does have final decision.

Stacy Buckley stated on Friday, the Goffstown Fire Department did a surprise fire drill in all the schools and we did very well.

Update on Science Books at MVMS

Stacy Buckley gave a quick update on the science books at MVMS. Mrs. Buckley stated she spoke with Jim Hunt and he has sent a memo to all 5th and 6th grade teachers regarding student access to textbooks; Mrs. Buckley read aloud the memo to Board members. Mrs. Buckley stated they wanted

to make sure teachers knew students may not recognize the fact they could bring books homes or maybe were too embarrassed to ask a teacher to do so. Mrs. Buckley stated a letter was also sent home to all parents that mentioned the textbooks could be accessed online; the code to do this was included in the letter.

Update on book “Hunger Games”

Stacy Buckley reviewed with Board members the Committee’s findings on the book “Hunger Games”; members read the book and looked at information. Mrs. Buckley stated the Committee felt it was a vital book and did not want to ban it; felt 7th and 8th graders could comprehend the violence in it. Mrs. Buckley stated the Committee recommended keeping the book in library circulation for 7th and 8th graders (younger grade students would need parental permission to take book out). Keith Allard stated parents could call the school library and set a ban on specific books they didn’t want their children to check out.

Development of 2nd Draft 2011 Warrant Articles

Sue Tremblay stated she would not vote to include Article IV; Stacy Buckley read aloud Article IV and reviewed new Article VII. Mrs. Tremblay stated the reason she would not support Article IV is that she has had experience in bringing things up a second time and that people seem to get angry about it; two other Board members were in agreement. Mrs. Buckley asked Board members to think on Article IV and bring it back at the next Board meeting. Sue Tremblay asked if the Board wanted to ask for more money for the capital reserve fund. The Board discussed the fund and will bring it back for more discussion at the next Board meeting.

GHS Senior Class Trip Request

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following repeat senior class trip request:

- Cedarland Outing Center, Haverhill, MA, June 14th

MVMS Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following two repeat field trip requests:

- Music Department, Boston Symphony Hall – March 3rd
- 7th Grade Boston, MA trip, April 18th

Revenue Forecast Review

The Board members were given a handout entitled “Goffstown School District, Projected Revenues 2011-2012”. Stacy Buckley briefly reviewed each area: Revenue from State Sources, Revenue from Federal Sources, Local Revenue Other Than Taxes, Other Financing Sources, and General Fund Balance. The total Proposed Revenues and Credits for 2011-2012 was \$17,717,991, the proposed District Assessment was \$16,585,245, the proposed State Assessment was \$3,178,584, which made a total appropriation of \$3,781,820. The Board and administration discussed each line of revenue.

Dian McCarthy made a motion to not indicate a potential unreserved fund balance; to show it as \$0. Sue Tremblay seconded. The Board discussed revenues further and directed the Administration to zero out the unreserved fund and reserved fund balance lines and to put a note in bold on the handout that it is subject to further review by Board. ***Dian McCarthy withdrew her motion; Sue Tremblay withdrew her second.*** Mr. Allard asked Mr. Labore to send the revenue handout to Goffstown Budget Committee Chair Dan Cloutier tomorrow, as Mr. Allard would be out of town.

Kitchen Needs

Stacy Buckley reviewed a handout entitled “Equipment Needs at Bartlett and Maple Avenue Elementary Schools” received from Megan Bizzarro, Food Service Director, with Board members.

Mrs. Buckley stated that unfortunately there is a lot of equipment that is failing or has failed at the two schools. Mrs. Bizzarro has recommended the following new equipment:

- Bartlett: two 2-door refrigerators, one 3-door refrigerator, and one 3-door freezer.
- Maple: two convection ovens and one 3-door refrigerator.

Mrs. Buckley stated there was enough money in the kitchen fund balance to cover these items (\$18,711 equipment and hook-up fees).

Default Budget

The Board members were given a handout entitled “Goffstown School District, 2011-2012 Default Budget Calculations – Based upon School Board’s Proposed Budget”. Stacy Buckley stated there have been no changes since their last review.

Leave of Absence

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following leave of absence:

- Sarah Jane Nadeau, 7th Grade, MVMS

Ginny McKinnon made a motion to accept leave of absence as presented by the Superintendent. Jennifer Theroux seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Nominations

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following volunteer co-curricular nomination; no Board action needed:

- Ben Slocum, GHS, Ice Hockey

Student Teacher

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following student teacher; no Board action needed:

- Brianna Noll with Darren Hartung/Curt McDermott, GHS

Student Nurse

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following student nurse; no Board action needed:

- Krystal Mailhot with Melissa Goulet, Maple Ave.

Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Board

Keith Allard stated the Board would work on the Superintendent Evaluation as a group in Non-Public at the first meeting in December.

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A: 3 II

None

Adjournment

Sue Tremblay made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Dian McCarthy seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Deborah Jore
School Board Recording Secretary

These minutes are subject to School Board approval