

**Goffstown School Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2011**

School Board Members, Present

Philip Pancoast
Dian McCarthy
Keith Allard
Sue Tremblay
Ginny McKinnon
Jennifer Theroux
Hank Boyle
Kent Nolan

Administration, Present

Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Ray Labore, Business Administrator

Teacher Reps, Present

Peggy Zola, Elementary
Barbara French, MVMS
Jeannie Roy, GHS

Call to Order

Philip Pancoast called the meeting to order at 7:12PM and led the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of the 12/05/11 11/28/11 Minutes

Suzanne Tremblay made a motion to approve the November 28, 2011 and December 5, 2011 minutes as presented. Keith Allard seconded. Vote: 4-0-4(Hank Boyle, Ginny McKinnon, Kent Nolan, Jennifer Theroux) – Motion Passes

Correspondence

- Two Teacher/Nurse Substitute Reports

Commendations/Good News

- Jeanie Roy reported: The student council can food drive was a great success and the students were featured on Channel 9 News. The members reached 20,504 points (their goal being 20,000) which resulted in a \$5,969 check and 5,714 food items for the Goffstown Food Kitchen. After the assembly some students went to St. Lawrence Church to help stock the food pantry shelves. The National Association of Student Councils named the GHS Student Council 1st place for the 8th year for their can food drive efforts. Mrs. Roy stated that it was her privilege to work with these students.
- Barbara French reported: Parent/Teacher conferences were held at MVMS on December 9th and they were well attended; Report cards went out on December 16th; band and chorus concerts were a big success and very well attended. There were 50 additional students joining band and chorus this year drawing a standing room only crowd.
- Peggy Zola reported: Glen Lake had a better than 90% turn out at the December 9th Parent/Teacher Conferences; Bartlett will be enjoying a GHS holiday concert on December 23rd; last Thursday MVMS band treated Bartlett students to great holiday music; on Monday dancers from Dance Visions will perform their annual holiday dance performance at Bartlett; tomorrow Bartlett's 4th graders will be performing holiday music for the senior citizens at the Edward Roy Apartments. Bartlett students have increased their recycling efforts from 4-5 bins to 9-10 bins per week. Maple Ave students continue their efforts in collecting pajamas and are also collecting fabric squares and quilting supplies for the "Quilts for Thailand Orphans" project. Thank you to PFT for providing lunch for the parent/teacher conferences.

Public Comment(s)

none

Administration/Finance Committee Report

Ray Labore presented and reviewed the \$1,566,083.85 manifest. Hank Boyle motioned to approve the manifest of \$1,566,083.85 as presented – Seconded by Dian McCarthy. Vote: 8-0-0 All in Favor – Motion Passes

Human Resource Committee Report

The next Human Resource Committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2012 at 6:00PM at the SAU.

Planning & Communication Committee Report

The next Planning & Communication Committee meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2012 at 6:00PM at GHS.

Curriculum and Education Committee Report

The next C&E Committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2012 at 7:00PM at the SAU.

Budget Committee Report

Jennifer Theroux reported: The Budget Committee made their first pass of the town and school budgets and made approximate reductions of \$377,208. Mrs. Theroux highlighted some of the reductions as follows: smart boards \$128K; late buses \$24,642; staff development \$20K; heating oil \$47K (approximate); MVMS media para \$16K; Clocks \$10K; GHS library carpet \$25K; GHS parking lot \$50k. A final review of the school and town budgets will be this Thursday night. Mr. Pancoast addressed the heating oil reduction made by the Budget Committee and stated that if the price prediction is wrong and the heating oil prices are higher, the school district will have to find the money elsewhere because we need to heat the schools. If the price prediction is higher and the oil prices come in lower, the money is returned to the town. Suzanne Tremblay stated that the volume of heating oil consumed by the school district is far greater than the town's consumption.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Buckley reported on the following: Student Representative, Dominique Poulin has resigned from her position due to employment commitments; HR is working on updating job descriptions and Stacy is looking for Board direction as to how they would like to receive them for review. The Board agreed that after receiving the initial batch they will decide if a smaller sub-group will be charged with reviewing the remainder of the job descriptions; there was a minor bus accident at MVMS this morning– no injuries; Mrs. Buckley asked the Board if they would consider moving the January 2nd Board meeting to January 9th as it would buy a couple extra days to finalize the contracts if needed. Contracts need to be ratified by January 10th. The Board was in agreement to change the school board meeting from January 2nd to January 9th; P&C will also change to January 9th; Building Committee meeting January 9th @ 5:30pm to go over RFPs; Budget Committee Public Budget Hearing date is January 11th; NBSB Public Budget Hearing is also on January 11th and she and Ray Labore will attend the New Boston Budget Hearing and will then make their way to the Goffstown School District Public Budget Hearing; Update on the building projects - the Building Committee met with the Planning Board and CMK was able to address their concerns; Dream Keeper and Cornerstone nominations are due Wednesday; GEA meeting is tomorrow at 8:00am; Friday is the date to finalize GESS day.

Old Business

A. Recommendation for Make-up Days for MVMS

Mrs. Buckley presented her proposal for the (2) two MVMS make-up days. The make-up days will be

January 10th and January 16th. *Suzanne Tremblay motioned to approve the make-up plan as presented - Seconded by Ginny McKinnon VOTE 8-0-0 All in Favor – Motion Passes*

B. 2012 Warrant Article Discussion – 2nd Draft

Mrs. Buckley reviewed the 2012 warrant articles. Article 1 – School District Officials; Article 2 – School District Budget; Article 3 – Collective Bargaining for Teachers – Article 4 – Special Meeting if Article 3 is defeated; Article 5 Collective Bargaining for Support Staff – Article 6 – Special Meeting if Article 5 is defeated; The Board was in agreement to remove Article 4 and 6; Article 7 – AREA Agreement – we are waiting for NHDOE language; Article 8 – Renovations to Maple Ave and Bartlett; Article 9 – GHS athletic complex to include track and field, artificial turf surface, lights and field seating and renovation and expansion of Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium. *Hank Boyle motioned to remove Article 9 from the 2012 Warrant - Seconded by Suzanne Tremblay.* Hank Boyle spoke to his motion and stated that he felt it would be too much for the voters – Suzanne Tremblay also spoke and stated that looking at her list of priorities, Article 9 would be the last one she would choose to move forward. Keith Allard recommended Hank’s motion be removed from the table and Article 9 re-visited at next school board meeting before any decisions are made. Dian McCarthy stated that she would like to leave it to the public to decide. *Hank Boyle withdrew his motion to remove Article 9 from the 2012 Warrant – Suzanne Tremblay removed her seconding of the motion- The motion was taken off the table.* Mrs. Buckley suggested the Board make a commitment on Article 8 or 9 tonight or meet on January 2nd to discuss further. *Hank Boyle motioned to remove Article 9 from the March 2012 Ballot - Seconded by Suzanne Tremblay – Vote: 3-3-2 (abstained- Keith Allard and Philip Pancoast) - Motion Fails*

Jennifer Theroux motioned to move the discussion on the Warrant Articles forward to the January 2nd School Board meeting – Seconded by Dian McCarthy – Vote: 4-1-3 – (abstained – Hank Boyle, Philip Pancoast, Suzanne Tremblay)- Motion Passes

C. Update on Bond Information

Ray Labore reviewed the critical dates and requirements as follows: the hearing cannot be held after Tuesday, January 17th; a public notice needs to be published in a newspaper and would have to appear on January 6th. Mr. Labore stated that a presentation of the debt schedules for the bonds and the use of the bond proceeds will be discussed at the hearing. There will also be a Q/A after that discussion. The Board scheduled the Bond Hearing date for Thursday, January 12th @ 6:00pm.

New Business

A. Request for Approval for Eagle Scout Project

A request was received from Matthew Evans, a MVMS student. Matthew is requesting the Board’s approval to do some work on the trails behind MVMS. The project would consist of: replacing and updating the entrance sign to the trails; make an observation area near a marsh on the trail for students and other users of the trail; and if time and money allows, repair some bridges. This project would be a benefit to the school and community. *Hank Boyle motioned to approve the Eagle Scout Project – Seconded by Ginny McKinnon – Vote: 8-0-0 - All in Favor - Motion Passes*

B. Request for Boy’s Volley Ball

The Goffstown Volleyball Servers – GHS Boys Volleyball, Spring 2012 presented a proposal to the Board. The Servers seek to appropriate the funding for a Varsity Boys Volleyball program at GHS for Spring 2012. This program is well received and GVS would like to phase in a JV team in the years to follow. The duration of the funding is for as long as financially feasible for the organization. *Suzanne Tremblay motioned to approve the Boys Volley Ball request under the guidelines that they continue to fund it - Seconded by Kent Nolan – Mr. Pancoast wanted to clarify the motion by stating the motion would bring Boys’ Volley Ball within the auspices of the school, which would allow them to compete as*

members of the school community and be recognized by NHIAA - ***Vote 8-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passes***

C. GHS University of Pennsylvania Model Congress Trip Request

Art Ferrier is requesting the Board’s permission to bring six students to the University of Pennsylvania Model Congress in Philadelphia. The dates are Thursday, March 29 to Sunday April 1, 2012. Kathy Sargent will be the second advisor on the trip - the students have been doing some fundraising and parents have all granted their permission. The Board approved the Model Congress trip request.

D. Draft 2012-2013 School District Calendar

Tabled to next meeting

E. Default Budget

Mrs. Buckley requested the Board’s approval of the calculation of the 2012-2013 default budget as presented at tonight’s meeting. ***Keith Allard motioned to approve the 2012-2013 default budget calculation for a total amount of \$36,182,164 - Seconded Suzanne Tremblay - Vote: 8-0-0 – All in Favor –Motion Passes***

F. Dunbarton School Board Request for 5th and 6th Grade Sports

Mrs. Buckley reviewed the Dunbarton 5th and 6th grade request. It was agreed that Mrs. Buckley would hold further conversations with the Dunbarton School Board to clarify expectations before further discussion takes place. Mrs. Buckley will update the Board at a future meeting.

G. Dunbarton Request for AREA Clarification Meeting

At the last Dunbarton School Board meeting, the Board requested a Joint AREA Agreement meeting for the purpose of discussing computation of rental rates. Rene Ouellet requested the joint AREA Agreement meeting take place prior to January 14th – Philip Pancoast stated that he would like to start the appraisal process in selecting an appraiser. The Goffstown School Board Joint AREA Agreement members: Philip Pancoast, Ginny McKinnon, Keith Allard, Kent Nolan (sub).

H. AREA Review Committee

After seeking legal advice, Mrs. Buckley stated that the AREA Review Committee had completed their charge which was to amend the AREA Agreement. Legal counsel advised that we revisit the entire process as the three districts come back to the table to enter an amendment or extension of the agreement. ***Keith Allard motioned to request Dunbarton and New Boston School Districts to enter an amendment or extension of the AREA Agreement - Seconded by Ginny McKinnon - Vote: 8-0-0 All in Favor - Motion Passes.*** The Board will make the names of the three representatives available shortly. The AREA Review Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 26th.

Resignation:

Cassandra Beauchesne..... Maple Ave.....Reading Teacher
Hank Boyle motioned to accept Cassandra Beauchesne’s Resignation - seconded by Ginny McKinnon VOTE: 8-0-0 All in Favor

Nominations:

Student Interns – January 2012 through May 2012:

Geoff Burton..... District..... Gary Girolimon
Kathryn Yarnall Bartlett..... Mary Starvish/Tiffany Garon (Elementary Ed)

Student Teachers – January 2012 through May 2012:

Rebecca Patterson..... GHS..... Bob Ward and Tim Michaud (2nd Social Studies)

Mary DeFelice GHS Amy Caine and Darren Hartung (2nd English)
Elizabeth Richardson GHS Heather Welsh (Biology)
Dan Fortier GHS Ava Lane (Art)

Other Business that May Legally Come Before the Meeting

None

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3II

None

Adjournment

Suzanne Tremblay made a motion to adjourn at 9:28pm – Seconded by Keith Allard - Vote: 8-0-0 – All in Favor - Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise F. Morin
School Board Recording Secretary