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Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

School Board Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2010

School Board Members, Present

Keith Allard
Jeffrey Tate
Henry Boyle
Lorry Cloutier
Ginny McKinnon
Phillip Kendall
Philip Pancoast (arrived at 7:12 PM)
(excused absence) Sue Tremblay
Kyle Carreau, Student Representative
Peggy Zola, Elementary Representative
Mary Grasset, MVS Representative

Administration, Present

Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Ray Labore, Business Administrator

Call to Order

Keith Allard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Correspondence

- NEAS&C Letter
- Thank you letter regarding Dream Keeper Award
- Teacher/Nurse Substitute Report

Commendations/Good News

- Peggy Zola stated Maple Ave. Elementary is taking part in “Reading Across America and is working with Reading Dream to collect books for a school in Philadelphia who is in the process of renovating their school library.
- Kyle Carreau stated Mr. McDermott’s class, which is working on community service, would be serving breakfast to Londonderry reservists this weekend.
- Kyle Carreau stated the GHS Carnival went very well.
- Kyle Carreau stated college acceptances for seniors are going very well; you can look on the Guidance Office’s windows for students’ names and the schools they are attending.
- Mary Grasset stated eight MVMS student council members attended a workshop (one of the activities was cyber bullying) and for a final project the students had to come up with a community action plan.

Public Comment

Donna Pinard, Goffstown resident, stated she had heard that a faculty meeting at MVMS last week had a PowerPoint on the Success Program and she commended the two School Board members who attended. Mrs. Pinard asked that she would like to see Board members talk to teachers that they are not directed to talk to by the Administration.

Administration/Finance Committee Report

Jeffrey Tate made a motion to approve the manifest in the amount of \$960,073.31. Henry Boyle seconded. Mr. Tate briefly reviewed the manifest. ***VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

Human Resources Committee Report

The next Human Resources Committee meeting will be on March 8th at 6 PM at the SAU.

Curriculum and Education Committee Report

The next C&E Committee meeting will be the second week of April at the SAU.

Superintendent's Report

Stacy Buckley updated School Board members on the weather damage from last week's storm. Mrs. Buckley stated MVMS lost power Thursday night, the generator did not kick on, and so they were unable to open the emergency shelter there; are looking at replacement (\$19,000)/repair (\$9,000) of generator. Mrs. Buckley stated they are looking at going through the town and seeing if they could get up to 60% reimbursement through FEMA; also considering connecting generator to the kitchen as the school is used as an emergency shelter. Mrs. Buckley stated GHS lost power on Friday, power was back there yesterday and back at MVMS at 2 AM today. Mrs. Buckley stated there was some minor damage to the guardrails at MVMS and to the fence at Glen Lake. Mrs. Buckley stated she would like to publicly acknowledge Jerry Agate's hard work as he did a fabulous job over the weekend, was working with PSNH and checking all the buildings. Mrs. Buckley stated GHS did not have heat in some rooms this morning, a repairman was called, and rooms started to heat back up.

**Philip Pancoast arrived at 7:12 PM*

Phillip Kendall stated the generator at MVMS is as old as the building and he would suggest looking at a replacement. Mr. Kendall stated he also liked the idea of hooking the generator up to the kitchen.

Stacy Buckley stated NHSBA scholarship information was given to all School Board members and they could contact the SAU with any questions.

Stacy Buckley stated there was going to be a change in the way they have been doing Step-Up Day for kindergarteners going into 1st grade; the elementary principals got together and talked about how they could do this better and simplify the process. Mrs. Buckley stated it was decided to do an evening presentation with families and students with the 1st grade teachers present.

Stacy Buckley stated the GHS Model Congress was supposed to go to Philadelphia over February vacation week, but had to cancel as their flight was first delayed and then cancelled altogether. Mrs. Buckley stated the students were very disappointed.

Stacy Buckley stated MVMS has scheduled a Winter Carnival for March 10th, 5-8PM. Mrs. Buckley stated the Goffstown Fire Department, Police Department, CERT, Lion's Club and Park & Rec are all participating; hoping to engage the community.

Commodity Bids Discussion

Ray Labore stated they would be releasing solicitations for #2 heating oil, propane, milk, and copy paper; are also inviting the municipalities of Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston to participate. Mr. Labore stated the principals secretaries are in the process of compiling lists of commonly used office supplies and the SAU will go out and solicit prices for those for the first time. Mr. Labore stated they

are hoping to start with office supplies this year and expand to school supplies in the future. Mr. Labore stated they hoped to have more information to share with the Board in May for decision-making.

MVMS 7th Grade Field Trip Request

Stacy Buckley stated the MVMS 7th grade teams (about 300 students) are planning their annual Boston, MA field trip for April 19th from 8:45 AM – 6:30/7 PM. Keith Allard asked if chaperones were going to be background checked. Mrs. Buckley stated no as the policy change for MVMS won't be in effect until May 1, 2010. Mr. Allard asked that the same letter from last year be sent out to parents. Phillip Kendall stated the chaperones names must be listed on each student's permission slip.

GHS Field Trip Request – Senior Decisions Class – United Nations - NYC

Stacy Buckley stated Eric Romein, Senior Decisions Class, will be bringing 95 students and 5 teacher chaperones to the United Nations building in NYC on April 9th, leaving at 5 AM and returning around midnight.

AREA Agreement Meeting Update

Keith Allard stated they are waiting for New Boston to submit a Letter of Understanding of how tuition is calculated. Mr. Allard stated there is ambiguity in the AREA Agreement and currently the Superintendent Budget is used and New Boston would like to see the approved school budget used instead. Mr. Allard stated the Board would have to review the letter and all three School Boards would have to agree on it. Ray Labore stated at the end of the year, Goffstown would still be collecting all it has to collect; this would not go into effect until next year.

Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Meeting

None

Non-Public Sessions – RSA 91-A:3 II(c)

Phillip Kendall made a motion to enter non-public session at 7:27 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Philip Pancoast seconded. The Chair took a voice poll of each School Board member. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Phillip Kendall made a motion to leave non-public session at 7:53 PM. Henry Boyle seconded. The Chair took a voice poll of each School Board member. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Ginny McKinnon made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for a period of twenty-five years. Philip Pancoast seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Adjournment

Philip Pancoast made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Jeffrey Tate seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED

Deborah Jore
School Board Secretary

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