

**Goffstown School District**  
Goffstown, New Hampshire

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
March 7, 2011

**School Board Members, Present**

Keith Allard  
Philip Pancoast  
Dian McCarthy  
Henry Boyle  
Jennifer Theroux  
Ginny McKinnon  
Kent Nolan  
Lorry Cloutier (arrived at 7:02 PM)  
Sue Tremblay, via teleconference  
Liz Kelly, Student Representative

**Administration, Present**

Stacy Buckley, Superintendent  
Ray Labore, Business Manager

**Teacher Reps, Present**

Peggy Zola  
Mary Grasset

**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.

**Approval of 02/07/11 Minutes and 2/5/11 Deliberative Session Minutes**

*Dian McCarthy made a motion to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes. Ginny McKinnon seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED*

The Board postponed the approval of the Deliberative Session minutes to the next School Board meeting.

**Correspondence**

Nurse/Teacher Substitution

**Commendations/Good News**

- Liz Kelly stated the cheerleaders met and won at State Meet, the field hockey team won their tournament in MA, the boy's basketball team won their game in the last 30 seconds last week and move on to playoffs this week, and the hockey team is going to semi-finals this week. Ms. Kelly stated 18 seniors from the science department submitted a proposal to NASA and were accepted for a micro-gravity town in Iowa. Ms. Kelly stated the theater group is going to a festival tournament this week.
- Mary Grasset stated the MVMS 5th graders finished the CERT S.T.E.P. program and received an emergency bag to bring home. Mrs. Grasset stated the second annual winter carnival went great, celebrated community connections, and were able to make a donation of \$1,000 to the Goffstown Food Bank.
- Peggy Zola stated Glen Lake Kindergarten raised \$890 for the Cancer Society. Mrs. Zola stated Maple Ave. had "Brain Parties" to celebrate NECAP scores. Mrs. Zola stated the Fishercat Reading Incentive Program is ongoing and the school has a chance to win \$3,000. Mrs. Zola stated the Scholastic Book Drive went well and they were able to donate over 3,000 books to a school in Philadelphia that does not have a library.

- Stacy Buckley stated the Phantom of the Opera at GHS was fabulous, kudos to the drama and music department.
- Dian McCarthy commended the boy's basketball team. Mrs. McCarthy stated they are getting ready for the Rock & Race 5K race which raises money for cancer research; Mrs. McCarthy is setting up the team and welcomes others to sign up.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Administration/Finance Committee Report**

*Henry Boyle made a motion to accept the manifest in the amount of \$2,030,306. Kent Nolan seconded.* Mr. Boyle briefly reviewed the contents of the manifest. ***VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

### **Human Resource Committee Report**

The next HR Committee meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the SAU.

### **Planning & Communication Committee Report**

Dian McCarthy stated the Committee met tonight and discussed plans for the future; waiting to see what happens tomorrow for the next column. Mrs. McCarthy stated the Committee discussed using GTV more and setting up a Board Retreat for April or May.

The next Planning & Communication Committee meeting will be on April 4, 2011.

### **Curriculum and Education Committee Report**

Philip Pancoast stated the Committee reviewed all of the revisions to the student handbooks for each school; the dominant changes had to do with language and amending of the bullying policy to what the Board passed and state statute. The Board reviewed and discussed the changes. ***Philip Pancoast made a motion to approve the student handbooks with nominal changes. Lorry Cloutier seconded.*** Mrs. Cloutier had a question about changes; Board discussed further. ***VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

The next C&E Committee meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the SAU.

### **Elementary Facilities Renovation**

The Elementary Facilities Renovation Committee will meet on March 15th at 4:30 PM at the SAU Office. Stacy Buckley stated RFP's went out for the architectural engineering study and eight responses were received. Mrs. Buckley stated they will review the proposals and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Stacy Buckley stated GHS has applied for the EDDIES award and is a candidate for High School of the Year. Mrs. Buckley stated they will have an on-site visit at the end of the month.

Stacy Buckley reviewed with School Board members a letter from Sulloway & Hollis which stated the hourly rate for a partner would be going up from \$200/hr. to \$235/hr.

Stacy Buckley stated health insurance rates came in today and are about 1% less than estimated in GMR; will be a savings of about \$65,000 for Goffstown.

Stacy Buckley briefly discussed the proposed State budget with Board members. Mrs. Buckley stated where it falls now, before any changes, there would be significant impacts in retirement (reduction would cost Goffstown \$622,000), catastrophic aid (\$244,000 loss to Goffstown), and building aid (\$300,000 loss to Goffstown), and cutting of reimbursement for drivers education. These cuts would total about \$1.2 million, which would either come out of the budget or impact revenues.

Stacy Buckley stated NHSBA would be doing school board refresher training on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Concord; if any Board members would like to attend please contact the SAU.

Stacy Buckley briefly reviewed upcoming legislation with Board members (HB340, HB219, HB369, SB90, Evergreen, and constitutional amendments).

### **Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Policies**

Lorry Cloutier brought forward the following policies for a final read:

- Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings *Lorry Cloutier made a motion to approve Policy BEDH. Kent Nolan seconded.* Philip Pancoast stated he would like to make an amendment to the policy. The Superintendent left the meeting to make hard copies for each Board member of the amendment; will address this later in the agenda.
- Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-Resident Students *Henry Boyle made a motion to approve Policy JFB. Lorry Cloutier seconded.* Mrs. Cloutier gave a brief overview of policy changes for Board members. *VOTE 8 yes, 1 abstain (Sue Tremblay) MOTION PASSED*
- Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools *Lorry Cloutier made a motion to approve Policy JCA. Jennifer Theroux seconded.* Mrs. Cloutier gave a brief overview of policy changes for Board members. *VOTE 8 yes, 1 abstain (Sue Tremblay) MOTION PASSED*

### **Goffstown Cable Franchise Committee**

The Goffstown Cable Franchise Committee is requesting a School Board representative for the committee; the Board was in consensus to have Gary Girolimon be the Board representative.

### **Current Committee Assignments Discussion**

*Keith Allard made a motion to allow existing standing committees to stay in effect until the School Board Chair comes forward with new Committee assignments. Kent Nolan seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED*

### **Board Chair Authorization Discussion**

*Ginny McKinnon made a motion to leave Keith Allard as the School Board Chair until March 24, 2011. Jennifer Theroux seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED*

### **MVMS Field Trip Request**

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following field trip request:

Discovery Museum, Acton, MA, Teams 5, 6, 7, 8 on April 12, 2011

*Ginny McKinnon made a motion to approve field trip as presented by the Superintendent. Kent Nolan seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED*

Stacy Buckley and Keith Allard had approved two repeat field trips that had come in at the last minute; will send Board information on those field trips via email.

### **Leave of Absence Request**

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following leave of absence:

Sarah Mullin, Bartlett, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

***Philip Pancoast made a motion to approve leave of absence request as presented. Kent Nolan seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

### **Student Interns (February-April 2011)**

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

Catherine (Kate) Milligan, Bartlett, with Becky Audley

Lauren Johnson, Bartlett, with Jennifer Stanhope

### **Co-Curricular Nominations**

Stacy Buckley brought forward the following co-curricular nominations:

Matt Glauser, Baseball, GHS, Volunteer

Dave Moloney, Lacrosse, Boys, GHS

Mike Garrity, Lacrosse, Boys, MVMS, Volunteer

Stephanie Georgevitis, Lacrosse, Girls, GHS

Bruce Hale, Lacrosse, Girls, GHS, Volunteer

Meagan Sweeney, Lacrosse, Girls, MVMS, Volunteer

Wendy Yianakopolos, Softball, JV, GHS

Wake Stillman, Softball, Varsity, GHS

Gary Walsh, Tennis, Boys, GHS

Dick Valliere, Tennis, Girls, GHS

Shawn Johnson, Track, Spring, MVMS

Darren Hartung, Track, Boys, GHS

***Philip Pancoast made a motion to approve co-curricular nominations as presented. Jennifer Theroux seconded. VOTE 8 yes, 1 abstain (Kent Nolan) MOTION PASSED***

### **Continuation of Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Policies**

The Board came back to final read of Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings.

- *Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings Lorry Cloutier made a motion to approve Policy BEDH. Kent Nolan seconded. Philip Pancoast stated he would like to make an amendment to the policy. The Superintendent left the meeting to make hard copies for each Board member of the amendment; will address this later in the agenda.*

Philip Pancoast handed out and reviewed a hard copy of changes to the policy. Henry Boyle had questions about wording of who could talk during public comment; change was made to read ...Goffstown residents, those permitted under the AREA Agreement, and parents/guardians of tuition students...

***Philip Pancoast brought forward a motion to amend Policy BEDH as presented. Ginny McKinnon seconded.*** Lorry Cloutier expressed concern that so much would be vested to the chair, that she would like to keep power to the group rather than an individual. Mrs. Cloutier stated there could be issues if the Chair decided they did not want to hear something, but the rest of the Board did, or vice versa.

Kent Nolan stated the Board could make a motion to override the chair if needed. Jennifer Theroux stated she would not support the amendment as she does not like limiting what the public can say.

Henry Boyle asked if Board vested the Chair with the authority did the Board have the ability to override the chairman as they would be going against their own policy. Mr. Pancoast stated he did not believe the amendment as written took away the privilege for the Board to override. The Board

continued to discuss amendment further. Dian McCarthy stated her issue was that the Board wants to hear from the public during public comment, but some of it is better suited for closed session, that there are times when the spirit of closed session is violated. Mrs. McCarthy stated the changes to the policy are clearer in terms of interpretation. **VOTE 5 yes, 2 no (Lorry Cloutier, Jennifer Theroux), 2 abstain (Henry Boyle, Sue Tremblay) MOTION PASSED**

The Board then voted on original motion brought forward with approved amendment. **VOTE 6 yes, 2 no (Jennifer Theroux, Lorry Cloutier), 1 abstain (Henry Boyle) MOTION PASSED**

### **Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Board**

None

### **Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A: 3 II(c)**

***Kent Nolan made a motion to enter non-public session at 8:02 PM for consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax, abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. Dian McCarthy seconded. The Chair took an individual voice poll of each Board member. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

*\*Philip Pancoast excused himself from non-public session at 9:15 PM*

***Lorry Cloutier made a motion to leave non-public session at 9:30 PM. Henry Boyle seconded. The Chair took an individual voice poll of each School Board member. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

*\*Philip Pancoast returned to the meeting at 9:30 PM*

***Henry Boyle made a motion to approve the votes taken in non-public session. Jennifer Theroux seconded. VOTE 8 yes, 1 abstain (Philip Pancoast) MOTION PASSED***

***Kent Nolan made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for a period of 30 years. Ginny McKinnon seconded. VOTE 7 yes, 1 no (Jennifer Theroux), 1 abstain (Philip Pancoast) MOTION PASSED***

Henry Boyle asked about ESL which was discussed at the last meeting. Stacy Buckley stated they have not moved forward on anything yet; will start advertising for two people.

### **Adjournment**

***Lorry Cloutier made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 PM. Ginny McKinnon seconded. VOTE All in Favor MOTION PASSED***

Deborah Jore  
School Board Recording Secretary

**\*These minutes are subject to School Board approval\***