

**GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Goffstown High School – Library - 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown, NH 03045
Monday, January 9, 2017 – 7:00PM**

School Board Members: Dian McCarthy, Reta Chaffee, Steven Dutton, Dan Cloutier, Ginny McKinnon, Kristie Curtis, Heather Trzepacz, Lorry Cloutier, Jenelle O'Brien

Administration: Brian Balke, Superintendent, Ray Labore, Business Administrator, MaryClaire Barry, Assistant Superintendent,

Call to Order: Dian McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of the December 19, 2016 School Board Meeting Minutes: *Steven Dutton motioned the approval of the December 19, 2016 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Reta Chaffee.* Under the C&E Report – the sentence should read “*The December C&E meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.*” **Vote: 8-0-1 (Kristie Curtis – abstained)- Motion Passed**

Correspondence Folder: Substitute Reports; information was shared regarding the January 7th Charity Choice Hockey Game.

Commendations/Good News: Jacob Borges - End of Semester 1! Students and teachers are finalizing Semester 1 work and moving towards midterms. Filming began on “The Ripple Effect Anti-bullying” movie – stay tuned for further updates. A shout-out to the people who make weekly podcasts that are shown during GHS homerooms. The podcasts are amazing infomercials about what is happening at GHS. A big “Thank You” to those who work on the podcasts. Our hockey team held their charity game at St. A’s College last Saturday. It was a great game and the proceeds were given to a select charity courtesy of the team.

Lorry Cloutier reported that the CU4Reality Fair was held at Goffstown High School on Friday. This is a great experience for the students who have already worked out a profession. Students meet with program volunteers and learn about budgeting for housing, utilities, food, etc., and helps them to visualize how the entire process works. Although Lorry was not able to attend Friday’s Fair, she did hear back from volunteers who shared how great it was to work with teachers and students.

Dian McCarthy commended MVMS students and staff for the large food donation made in December to the Food Pantry. The students also held a “Pajama Drive” and came close to their goal of collecting 300 pairs of pajamas. Congratulations! Dian also commended Maple Ave staff and students for their successful recycling program. Brian Balke shared that GTV produced a short 2½ minute video showcasing the school and DPW Engineer, Megan Therriault.

Public Comment – None

Policy Review Committee Report – Steven Dutton Reporting- The next PRC meeting is 01/17/17 @ 6:00pm @ SAU Central Office.

Planning and Communications Report – Reta Chaffee Reporting: The next P&C meeting is 2/6/17 @ GHS although an earlier meeting may be called in preparation for the election.

Curriculum and Education Report – Ginny McKinnon Reporting: The next C&E meeting is 01/17/17 @ 7:00pm @ SAU Central Office.

Budget Committee Report: Dian McCarthy Reporting: The Public Budget Hearing is January 11th in the GHS Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium. Dian encouraged everyone to attend. The Budget Committee will hold a public meeting after the Public Budget Hearing to discuss both town and school district warrants.

A&F Committee Meeting Report – Heather Trzepacz Reporting: *Heather Trzepacz motioned the approval of the January 9, 2017 manifest for \$2,350,065.85, Dan Cloutier seconded. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.* Randy Loring conducted a tour of the new Maintenance/Custodial Supply Room. Heather shared that the area was very well organized, user friendly and efficient. The committee thanked Randy for the tour.

Superintendent Report: Brian Balke Reporting: The AREA Sub-Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 31st. Brian shared Right-to-Know reporting requirements. The Bartlett Weekend Food Program is progressing and will hopefully be up and running in February. Superintendent Balke will be attending the New Boston School District Public Hearing and Ray Labore will be attending the Goffstown School District Public Hearing as both hearings are held on January 11th.

2017 Draft Warrant Articles – The Board reviewed the “draft” warrant articles - **Article 4 – Capital Reserve Fund** - The Board reviewed and discussed the DRA suggested language “a sum certain”. *Dan Cloutier motioned to remain with the Article 4 wording of “up to”, Steven Dutton seconded. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Article 3 - CBA Article – the offsetting amount language in Article 3 was re-worded and approved by the DRA. The Board approved the language change.

Update to the Bartlett and Maple Ave Modular Space Discussion – Randy Loring Reporting – The modular costs and financial packages were reviewed. The recommendations were to engage with Aries Building Systems for the modular units and First American Education Finance for the financing needs. The existing modular unit will be removed from the Bartlett property by the modular unit company. The Board discussed the possible recycling of the old unit. Dian McCarthy asked if the school district could re-coup the new modular unit costs if building renovations took place. Randy stated that it is difficult to predict as it would depend on the market at the time and what is going on in surrounding districts. Brian noted that Building Aid is no longer available and that building renovations will more than likely not happen in the near future.

2017-2018 School District Calendar: *Ginny McKinnon motioned to approve the calendar 2017-2018 as presented, seconded by Kristie Curtis. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed*

SCHOOL STAFFING

Nominations:

Notifications:

Track Changes (Effective February 2017)

Michael Lee	MVMS	B to B+15
Leslie Brigagliano.....	MVMS	B to B+15
Sean Colligan.....	GHS	B to B+15
Christine Bean	GHS	B to B+15
Diane McCain.....	GHS	M to M+15

Nominations:

Co-Curricular Sports:

John Nanof..... GHS Volunteer Ice Hockey – Varsity

Steven Dutton motioned to accept the nominations for the Volunteer Ice Hockey Coach seconded by Heather Trzepacz. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Maple Avenue Special Education Position Requests: January 17, 2017

Notifications:

- 50% of Bartlett FTE Special Education Teacher to be moved to Maple Avenue for the remainder of the school year
- Shift School Psychologist MAES coverage time from 2.5 days/week to 3.5 days/week
- One vacant GHS paraprofessional position to be moved to Maple Avenue

Approvals:

- Increase two 6.5 hour/day paraprofessional positions to 6.75 hours/day for the remainder of the school year

Board members discussed the information presented by Superintendent Balke. Brian stated that we are not looking at a cost change. Brian stated that if we find ourselves with potential overruns he would bring that need back to the Board. Brian clarified the GHS vacancy that is being re-allocated for Maple Ave needs. **Jenelle O'Brien motioned to take 50% of the Bartlett Special Education Teacher to Maple Ave for the remainder of the school year and to shift the School Psychologist at Maple Ave with coverage time going up from 2.5 days/week to 3.5 days/week and one vacant GHS paraprofessional position to be moved to Maple Avenue as well as an increase of 2 paraprofessionals from 6.5 hours/day to 6.75 hours/day for the remainder of the school year seconded by Heather Trzepacz. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor - Motion Passed.**

Other: none

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING:

Ginny McKinnon reported that Hannaford and Rite Aid are selling Grizzlie items. Ginny wanted to make the public aware that when purchasing these items from Hannaford and/or Rite Aid, only a small portion of the proceeds from the sale of these items actually benefit GHS students. Ginny recommended interested parties purchase Grizzlie items directly from the high school as all proceeds will go back to GHS kids.

Ginny McKinnon voiced her concern regarding substitute teacher retention and suggested consideration be given to increasing the sub rates to make them more competitive with surrounding towns. Brian stated that sub retention is a regional issue, struggle and concern and stated that the district's sub rates are competitive with other districts. Brian suggested developing cost scenarios and budget impact projections during next year's budget discussions. Brian acknowledged that substitute teachers have a difficult job for little money and noted that nurse sub rates were recently increased.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3II(d) (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and 2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. RSA 91-A:3II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interest are adverse to those of the general community.

The Chair stated that the Board would be entering non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interest are adverse to those of the general community.

Dan Cloutier motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) at 8:06pm, seconded by Steven Dutton. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) at 8:18pm seconded by Steven Dutton. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to seal the non-public minutes until acted on or resolved, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

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Dan Cloutier motioned to enter into non-public session at 8:20pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a), seconded by Steven Dutton. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave non-public session at 9:34pm, seconded by Steven Dutton. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 - All in Favor – Motion Passed

Dan Cloutier motioned to seal the non-public minutes ad infinitum, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 9-0-0 - All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Lorry Cloutier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm seconded by Heather Trzepacz. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise F. Morin
Recording Secretary