

**GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Goffstown High School – Library - 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown, NH 03045
Monday, October 17, 2016 – 7:00PM**

School Board Members: Dian McCarthy, Reta Chaffee, Steven Dutton, Dan Cloutier, Heather Trzepacz, Lorry Cloutier, Ginny McKinnon (arrived at 7:05pm), Jenelle O'Brien (absent), Kristie Curtis (absent)

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

Call to Order: Dian McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of the October 3, 2016 School Board Meeting Minutes: *Reta Chaffee motioned the approval of the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes as amended, Call to Order by Steven Dutton, Lorry Cloutier arrived at 7:10pm seconded by Heather Trzepacz Vote: 6-0-0 - All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Correspondence: UL articles: GHS Girls' Soccer Game win against John Stark Regional and GHS Grizzlie win against Central High School; Thank you letter to Justin Sousa (Sousa Signs) for the \$500.00 gift to the Bartlett Elementary School PTA; Teacher Substitute Reports

Ginny McKinnon arrived at 7:05pm

Commendations/Good News: Jacob Borges Reporting: Spirit week and the homecoming assembly were a huge success. The fun competition always brings out the best in our students and really brings all the classes and school together as a whole. The homecoming dance on Saturday night was also a lot of fun and a huge success for the senior class student council in raising money for the class trip at the end of the year. Several sports games this week have been doing "pink outs" in the fan sections to support breast cancer including the football game on Saturday and the volleyball game going on as we speak. PSATs are this Wednesday for freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Seniors will be using the day for college and future career preparation in hopes to be ready to apply before their target deadlines.

Ginny McKinnon reported that a student council advisor shared her enthusiasm with Jacob Borges' reporting skills. The advisor was very impressed with the level of detail and subject matter Jacob reports out on at student council meetings. Jacob is also able to answer questions from the students on various matters discussed at Board meetings. The advisor is equally impressed with Jacob's Board participation and commends Jacob for a job well done. Jacob is amazing with his student council reporting and continues to impress with the amount of detail and subjects discussed at Board meetings. Jacob also brings information to the students which he feels the students would appreciate.

Dian McCarthy gave kudos to the GHS students who exhibited great behavior and school spirit at the Homecoming event. Kudos to Dr. McMurray for initiating the recycling program at MVMS. Commendations to MVMS Boys' Soccer A team as they kept their spirits up and worked as a team. A Derry parent in attendance at a Derry/Goffstown game sent a letter in which she commended the team for their sportsmanship.

Public Comment: Scott Gross, 57 Range Road commended all the students that participated in recording the athletic events this season. The Homecoming game was a challenge and the students worked the cameras like professionals. Pre and Post meetings were held and expectations were made known and the students did a great job following through on those expectations. Scott recognized one student in particular, Sarah who did a wonderful job broadcasting the events. Sarah is furthering her education in broadcasting. Scott commended the coaching staff for an outstanding job during this football and softball season. Students are interviewed after each game and the students speak very highly about the coaching staff. Scott stated that the fields are in rough shape with all the athletic events that are played and is happy to see that the Board is considering artificial turf and lights for our fields. Scott thanked the Board for all that they do.

Policy Review Committee Report – Steven Dutton reporting: Steven brought forward three first read policies. Policy BGB – Policy Adoption, Policy BGC – Policy Review and Evaluation/Manual Accuracy Check, Policy JFAB – Admission for Non-Resident Students (and tuition). Steven also brought forward two policies for Board information only. Policies BAAA – School Board Policies and Administrative Procedure and BGD – Board Review of Administrative Regulations had the PRC Review Date added only.

Planning and Communications Report – Next Committee meeting is 12/05/16 @ 6:15pm @ GHS Library.

Curriculum and Education Report – Next meeting is 11/14/16 @ 7:00pm @ SAU

Budget Committee Report – Next meeting is 11/03/16 @ 7:00pm @ Town Hall

A&F Committee Meeting Report – Dan Cloutier Reporting: Dan highlighted items that make up the 10/17/16 manifest totaling \$1,155,749.20. All invoice review is scheduled for November 7th @ 6:00pm @ GHS – Library. *Dan Cloutier motioned the approval of the October 17, 2016 manifest for \$1,155,749.20, seconded by Heather Trzpacz. Vote: 9-0-0 - All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Superintendent Report: Dates to remember: 10/19 is the next Goffstown School Board budget meeting session; 12/08/16 is the SAU Budget Hearing @ 7:00 @ NBCS; 2/4/17 is School District Deliberative Session; 2/06/17 is the Principal and Curriculum Coordinator presentation to the School Board.

Brian addressed the “End 68 Hours of Hunger” Program and stated that he tasked Jill Girolimon, Goffstown School Districts’ Homeless Liaison with looking into the Program. Brian highlighted the following Program information. There are 27 school districts who are currently participating in the Program. There are two types of programs offered – Community Based and School Based. Farmington, Conway and Salem are school based. The Program will provide set-up money. The food that is collected is just to carry the child over the weekend and the cost per child is \$10.00. To start the Program, a 300 sq. ft. ground level space is needed and two or more individuals need to be Program Coordinators who must go through a background check. In order to maintain the flow of money, fundraising is needed and we need volunteers to buy the food, bagging the food and transporting the bagged to the schools. Guidance Counselors, School Nurses, Food Service Directors, Homeless Liaisons select the students. Monthly reports and spreadsheets must be sent to the executive director and debit cards must be used. The Board discussed reaching out to food pantries and other organizations to see if they may be interested in participating in the Program.

Brian attended the “Home Coming” event at GHS and reported that it culminated another great week. Primex did a comprehensive analysis of the Maple Ave Playground and they have identified several areas that need to be addressed. Brian is working on safety improvements with Randy Loring, Suzanne Pyszka and Lisa Johnson. Brian commended Adam McCunn of GTV for the great work. Adam worked hard to have an expanded opportunity for the community to view games this year. Adam has covered more games this year than ever before and we greatly appreciate his efforts. Brian has been meeting with MaryClaire and Frank McBride to address the Athletics Evaluation recommendations and a matrix has been created with timelines so that we can move forward with addressing all recommendations.

NECAP Science Data 2009-2016 - MC shared that the NECAP science test is state mandated and is administered each year to students in Grades 4, 8, and 11. The test assesses student achievement against the 2006 NH Science Grade Level Expectations for physical science, earth/space science, life science and inquiry. Data analysis for 2016 showed that meeting the state percentage in subgroups may mean that only a few (single digits) students reached proficiency. We are rethinking when, and if, it is acceptable to be “on par” with the state percentages. Grade 4: Overall Grade 4 students outperformed the state average; There continues to be a discrepancy between the performance of Bartlett and Maple; Bartlett score details indicate need to focus on life science and inquiry; Maple Avenue shows comparable performance with the state in all content areas; Grade 4 IEP students scored below state peers. Grade 8: 2014/15 overall scores well below state percentage. Teachers engaged in professional development and implemented inquiry and engineering instruction for 15/16; Grade 8 students improved their performance from 15% in 2015 to 21% in 2016; Grade 8 IEP students scored below state peers; All other students category increased

from 18% in 2015 to 25% in 2016. This is still below the state percentage. Grade 11: Continued strong results for All Students as compared to the state; Strong performance for students with an IEP compared with state peers; All areas of science, particularly inquiry, show strong performance

GHS Student Council Waterville Valley Resort & Conference (Repeat Trip) - November 10-11, 2016. The Board wished the students a great conference.

GHS Student Council LEAD Conference – February 3rd and 5th Washington, DC – *Dan Cloutier motioned to allow the GHS Student Council to attend the LEAD Conference, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.*

GHS Yale Model Congress Conference (Repeat Trip) – December 1-4, 2016. The Board wished the students a great conference.

SCHOOL STAFFING –

Notification:

Leave of Absence(s):

Ava-lyn Lane GHS Mid October for 6-8 weeks

Long Term Substitute:

Tiffany Smith.....GHS A Lane

2017-2018 Goffstown School District Budget Presentation:

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3II(a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the discipline 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. (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.*

Ginny McKinnon motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) at 9:45pm, Reta Chaffee seconded. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

A land matter was discussed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave nonpublic session at 9:55pm, seconded by Lorry Cloutier. 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 the matter is resolved, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Ginny McKinnon motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 9:45pm, Reta Chaffee seconded. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave nonpublic session at 10:11pm, seconded by Lorry Cloutier. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to seal the non-public minutes pursuant to the state laws of personnel issues, seconded by Steven Dutton, Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Ginny McKinnon motioned to affirm the vote taken in non-public session, seconded by Reta Chaffee. Vote: 7-0-2 – (Dan Cloutier and Lorry Cloutier abstained) - Motion Passed. Dan Cloutier stated for the records that he does not understand need the motion and therefore abstains from voting.

Lorry Cloutier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:13pm seconded by Reta Chaffee. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor - Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Denise F. Morin, Recording Secretary