

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Goffstown High School – Library - 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown, NH 03045
Monday, February 20, 2017 – 7:00PM

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

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

Call to Order: Dian McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of the February 6, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: *Heather Trzepacz motioned the approval of the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Reta Chaffee. (Amend teacher resignation Vote to 6-0-0). Vote: 6-0-3 (Lorry Cloutier, Kristie Curtis, Ginny McKinnon abstained) – Motion Passed*

Correspondence – Substitute Reports

Commendations/Good News: GHS – Kathy Sargent Reporting: Many sports teams are doing well in the state finals – bowling, winter track, wrestling, ski tea. This is Homecoming Week here and many students and faculty are getting into the spirit of the week. The Addams Family had 3 successful shows this past weekend and have 3 more shows planned for this weekend. Kathy also reported on the death of Judy Swanson who was a GHS business teacher for many years).

Ginny McKinnon Reporting: Congratulations to GHS shotput team. Condolences to the Battey family on the passing of Dave Battey who was a GHS shop teacher for many years.

Dian McCarthy Reporting – The MVMS Wrestling team showed well at the New England competition. Congratulations to Jack St. Jean who placed 1st in the competition and to his teammates.

Public Comment – None

Policy Review Committee Report– Steven Dutton Reporting- The committee did not meet in on 2/13/17 due to inclement weather. The next committee meeting is 2/23/17 @ 6:00pm @ SAU Central Office

Planning and Communications Report – Reta Chaffee Reporting: The committee met tonight and discussed Volunteer Appreciation Week (2nd week of April). Teacher Appreciation (May) will be discussed after the elections take place.

Curriculum and Education Report – Ginny McKinnon Reporting: The committee met tonight and reviewed the school handbooks which will be brought forward for Board approval on March 6th.

Budget Committee Report: Dian McCarthy Reporting: No changes made to town budget. The next Budget Committee meeting is 3/28/17 at 7:00pm at the town hall.

A&F Committee Meeting Report – Dan Cloutier Reporting: *Dan Cloutier motioned the approval of the February 20, 2017 manifest for \$10,966,393.10, Heather Trzepacz seconded. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.*

Dan Cloutier reported that the Bartlett and Maple Ave modular units are moving forward as planned. Dan also reported that there is an increase in available Impact Fees.

Brian Balke reported that the GHS Drainage Project non-public bid opening was Monday. Further discussion will be held in non-public session.

Superintendent Report: Brian Balke Reporting: - 5 Snow days – December 12th- January 24th - February 7th. February 9th, February 13th. Students are currently going through NAEP testing which is going smoothly. Smarter Balanced Assessments start in March. There is a Homeland Security meeting(drill) tomorrow night which will include all school administrators. The focus will be on our reunification plan. GHS Drainage Project – We received 2 bids from tree cutting companies – more information to follow. Congratulations to Sue DesRuisseaux on her retirement. Brian stated that he volunteered to work on the search committee with the town. The Goffstown Annual Town Reports and Official Ballot have been submitted. The Maple Ave leadership team presented in Concord today for the EDies award. The presentation was a great video which was produced by Maple Ave and Adam McCunn.

Athletic Recommendations: The Board reviewed the updated Athletic Recommendations matrix and noted the great work that has been completed. The Board discussed the review of the Athletic Policy and Regulations. Administration recommended including Mr. Fountain in the review of the 53-page Regulations.

2016-2017 Snow Days Discussion: The New Boston Teacher and Support Staff unions are in favor of extending the school day. The GESS is also in favor of extending the day however the Teacher’s union wanted to discuss with their membership. Brian reviewed the results of extending the school day by 30 minutes/day (15 minutes before and after). Friday, June 16th would be the last day of school if 5 days are made up. This will be brought back for discussion at the next Board meeting. The additional time will be instructional time.

Primex Contribution Assurance Program: Ray Labore reporting: Primex has extended an invitation to the Goffstown School District to participate in their Contribution Assurance Program (CAP). They are offering a 3-year cap program. Currently our annual increases are between 4 – 5% the 3-year cap program guarantees that it will not exceed 8% even if a catastrophic event takes place. New Boston and the SAU are currently participating in the program. If the Board accepts the offer, administration would be looking for a motion from the Board authorizing the school district to accept the 3-year cap program offer and appoint Ray Labore as their agent. ***Ginny McKinnon motioned to accept the Primex offer to be in their Workmen’s Compensation Cap Program for the next 3 years as recommended in their proposal and to appoint Ray Labore as the administrator in this program, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 9-0-0 All in Favor – Motion Passed***

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Approvals:

Co-Curricular Sports:

Douglas O’Hara..... GHS Basketball – Freshmen (Boys)

Jeff Magdziasz (n) MVMS Baseball

Steven motioned to accept the co-curricular sports approvals as presented, seconded by Reta Chaffee. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Other:

Coverage for GHS Special Education Facilitator – Non-public discussion

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING: none

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3II(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. (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Dan Cloutier motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 7:43pm, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. 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(a) at 8:10pm, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to seal the meeting minutes pursuant to the laws governing personnel issues, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(c) at 8:15pm, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. 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(c) at 8:16pm, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to seal the meeting minutes until the contract is awarded, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Lorry Cloutier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Jenelle O'Brien. Vote: 9-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise F. Morin
Recording Secretary