

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Goffstown High School – Library - 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown, NH 03045
Monday, December 19, 2016 – 7:00PM

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

Administration: Brian Balke, Superintendent, Ray Labore, Business Administrator, MaryClaire Barry, Assistant Superintendent, Randy Loring, Facilities Director, Joyce Lewis, GHS Guidance Director, Doug McKernan, GHS Music Director

Call to Order: Dian McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of the December 5, 2016 School Board Meeting Minutes: *Dan Cloutier motioned the approval of the December 5, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Heather Trzepacz Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Correspondence – Substitute Reports

Commendations/Good News: GHS - Jacob Borges – Kathleen Sargent reporting: The canned food drive ended last week with some great results. We were 25 cans short of our goal but we were over \$500 ahead of our money goal. It was a great success. The senior poetry slam competition started this week. Students write their own poems and present them to classes, winners present to the school. Students and teachers are excited for the winter break. Merry Christmas to all!

Reta Chaffee reporting – Reta attended the winter concert and was impressed with the talent and music. Brian agreed that it was an outstanding concert and a great blend of serious and whimsical songs. Brian thanked the wonderfully talented students and advisors for a great performance.

Dian McCarthy reporting – Dian recently met with Mr. Greenland of the GHS Culinary Arts Department and was impressed with the great things that are happening in that department. Dian commended the GHS Wrestling Coach for inviting the MVMS team to participate during the GHS practice sessions which enables them to push their skills and strike a balance. On behalf of the Board, Dian extended Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas to all. Dian thanked the school community for their time and effort in making all food drives a great success. We are very grateful for everything that is done for the community.

Public Comment – None

Policy Review Committee Report – Steven Dutton Reporting- The committee did not meet in December due to inclement weather. The next committee meeting is 1/17/17 @ 6:00pm @ SAU Central Office

Planning and Communications Report – Reta Chaffee Reporting: The committee met tonight and will share the Cornerstone Award Nomination with the Board in non-public session.

Curriculum and Education Report – Ginny McKinnon Reporting: The December C&E meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Program of Studies is being brought forward tonight for Board approval. The next C&E meeting is 1/17/17 @ 7:00pm @ SAU Central Office.

Budget Committee Report: Dian McCarthy Reporting: The town and school budget deliberations have ended. The Public Budget Hearing is January 11th @ 7:00pm @ Dr. Craig Hieber. Article 2 – Budget, Article 3 - Collective Bargaining and Article 4 - \$150K Capital Reserve Fund will be brought forward to the January 11th public budget hearing.

A&F Committee Meeting Report – Dan Cloutier Reporting: *Dan Cloutier motioned the approval of the December 19, 2016 manifest for \$1,775,827.27, Heather Trzepacz seconded. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.*

Superintendent Report: Brian Balke Reporting: NHSBA Resolutions were distributed to all board members. Athletic recommendations continue to be addressed. One of the recommendations was for more athletic event coverage. Brian applauded the recent GTV coverage of athletic events. Plans are under way to cover bowling. Brian commended GTV for their outstanding athletic events coverage.

4th Read of the 2017 Draft Warrant Articles – The Board requested adding the following wording to Article 4 “an amount not to exceed”.

Update to the Bartlett and Maple Ave Modular Space Discussion – Randy Loring Reporting – Modular costs were reviewed. Administration met with two financial institutions regarding financing opportunities. TD Bank was not able to accommodate our needs - First American Education Finance is offering a good financial package. Administration will be receiving additional financial information from another institution after the first of the year. Updated information and recommendations will be brought forward at the next Board meeting.

2017-2018 School District Calendar: The Draft New Boston and Goffstown 2017-2018 school district calendars were presented on December 8th to the SAU School Board. The following changes were made to the draft calendars: August 30th and 31st - Teacher Workshop Days; September 1st – non-school day indicated by inserting an X for clarification. The Board noted the following: the students start after Labor Day, we continue holding February and April vacations and barring any unexpected school closings, the projected last day of school is June 14th. Columbus Day remains a school day as most parents do not have that holiday off. Both Draft calendars will be brought to the next New Boston Board meeting to insure both districts are in alignment.

GHS Performing Arts Vocal Tour – San Francisco, CA April 20, 2018 – Doug McKernan Presenting. This is the 4th trip to the west coast for GHS. The event is open to all 2017-2018 Band, Chorus and Orchestra students. The students enjoy a traditional tour of San Francisco sites and are exposed to theatrical type events and participate in workshops. Parents appreciate the opportunity to save for the trip which is why this request is being brought forward for Board approval at this time. GHS has engaged with US Integrity Tour Company for the past 20 years as they deal specifically with schools. *Ginny McKinnon motioned to approve the San Francisco trip in 2018, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.*

Program of Studies – Joyce Lewis Addressed: Minimal changes were made to the Program of Studies. Minor changes include: updating course content (music) and some formatting, defining 21st Century Learning Expectations; language revisions by MST; PRS College Composition from 1 semester to year-long ~ reflects change already approved by the Board; update to the String Orchestra and Band description for accurate course content; updates to course descriptions to more accurately reflect course content; changes to Photography and Welding ~ reflects changes already approved by the Board; Yearbook I and Yearbook II ~ course elective descriptions have increased in enrollment and were not previously included in the Program of Studies - the Board was provided with information in the fall that this would now be included in the 17/18 Program of Studies. Dan Cloutier expressed appreciation for receiving the information in advance of the Board meeting. *Ginny McKinnon motioned to move the changes made to the Program of Studies in 2017, seconded by Heather Trzepacz. Vote: 7-0-0 All in Favor - Motion Passed.*

SCHOOL STAFFING

Track Changes (Effective February 2017)

Christopher Belding.....	MVMS.....	B to B+15
Jaelyn Lewis	MVMS.....	B to B+15
Christina McLaughlin.....	MVMS.....	B to B+15
Monica Galamaga.....	GHS.....	B to B+15
Nathaniel Lambert	GHS.....	B to B+15

Erica Williams GHS B to B+15

Nominations:

Co-Curricular Sports:

Nicholas Persson (n) GHS Assistant Football Coach (Non-GEA)

Brooke Simmons GHS Volunteer Track Coach Winter/Spring

Eric Romein (n) GHS Volunteer Varsity Basketball Coach

Ginny McKinnon motioned to accept the nominations for Co-curricular sports as presented, Dan Cloutier seconded. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Other: none

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING: none

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3II(a)(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.*

Steven Dutton motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 7:50pm, seconded by Heather Trzepakz. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 8:00pm, 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 minutes until after the 2017 Deliberative Session, seconded by Steven Dutton. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dan Cloutier motioned to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) 8:01pm, seconded Steven Dutton. The Chair took an individual voice poll. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Dan Cloutier motioned to leave non-public session at 8:14pm, 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 minutes until the matter is resolved or acted on, seconded by Lorry Cloutier. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed.

Dian McCarthy reminded the Board that the Superintendent’s Evaluation is due in January.

Lorry Cloutier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, seconded by Ginny McKinnon. Vote: 7-0-0 – All in Favor – Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted by:
Denise F. Morin
Recording Secretary