

1 **GILMANTON/GILFORD JOINT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

2 **TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014**

3 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

4 Gilford Board Members: Jack Landow, Sue Allen, Kurt Webber, Rae Mello-Andrews, Karen
5 Thurston

6 Gilford Administrators Present: Superintendent Kent Hemingway, Principal Peter Sawyer,
7 Assistant Principal Anthony Sperazzo, Assistant Superintendent for Business Scott Isabelle

8 Presenting: Meg Jenkins, Gilford High School Nurse, Bruce Thibeault (Student Recognition)

9 Gilmanton Board Members Present: Michael Hatch, Malcom McLeod, Robert Carpenter, Frank
10 Weeks, Adam Mini

11 Administrators Present: Superintendent John Fauci, Principal Carol Locke, Vice Principal Deb
12 Bergeron, Director of Student Services Emily Reese

13 Others Present: Christine Johnson, Matt Demko, Sarah Cook, Dom Santiago

14 **CALL TO ORDER**

15 Gilmanton Board Chair Michael Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Proof of posting
16 was verified by Superintendent Fauci.

17 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

18 On a motion made by Malcom McLeod, seconded by Adam Mini, the Boards unanimously
19 approved the agenda.

20 **APPROVAL OF JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

21 On a motion made by Sue Allen, seconded by Robert Carpenter, the Board voted to accept the
22 meeting minutes of June 11, 2013. Adam Mini abstained.

23 On a motion made by Sue Allen, seconded by Kurt Webber, the Board unanimously votes to
24 approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2013

25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

26 none

27 **UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

28 **Student Recognition**

29 Sarah Cook was recognized for directing the winning portions of the spring play. At the regional
30 festival, they earned 4 acting awards, and a directing award. At the state festival, they also
31 received acting awards, tech awards, and a directing award.

32 Principal Sawyer, commended the performance department. Matt Demko said that it is very
33 difficult to direct a play, particularly for a student. To advance to states, then to New England's
34 is a great achievement. Sarah will be going to NYU, one of the premier drama schools. He
35 thanked the Gilford Board for their support, and thanked Gilmanton for the actors.

36 Bruce Thibeault, a Gilmanton senior who participated in the Hewett Tech program, won two
37 awards and two scholarships. He explained that the projects in which he participated are service
38 based and included a concession stand in Laconia as well as a boat house. He plans on attending
39 Lakes Region Community College for two years, then on moving on to a four year school to
40 learn the skills which will allow him to pursue his own business. Mr. Hemingway also
41 commended Bruce for a class research project on which he recently reported. Bruce said it was a
42 good feeling to be back in Gilmanton. Mr. Sawyer noted that when Bruce graduated from
43 Gilmanton, he was recognized for the Ann Onion award, and Mr. Hemingway said he continued
44 pursuing the virtues of creativity while at GHS.

45 **Youth Risk Behavior Survey**

46 The survey, which is a national survey built by the CDC, has been done the past 5 years. They
47 get school wide data and while it is offered to all, anyone can opt in or out. Students only have to
48 answer questions they are comfortable answering. 409 students took the assessment and GHS
49 results mirror the state's results. Most questions ask about behaviors within the last 30 days.

50 Several areas of concern arose, and these are happening in the greater community, not just at the
51 high school. The results are as follows:

52 The percent of students who rode in a car in the past 30 days driven by someone who had been
53 drinking:

54	2013	NH 8.8%	GHS 8.7%
55	2009	NH 8.1%	GHS 11.7%
56	2007	NH 12.1%	GHS 18.9%

57 The percent of students who admitted to driving after drinking:

58	2013	NH 18.4%	GHS 21.6%
59	2009	NH 23.1%	GHS 32.0%
60	2007	NH 24.9%	GHS 31.1%

61 The percent of students who had one drink of alcohol on one or more days in the last 30 days:

62	2013	NH 34%	GHS 33.1%
63	2009	NH 37.7%	GHS 50.8%
64	2007	NH 44%	GHS 57.6%

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66 The percent of students who participated in binge drinking in the last 30 days:

67 2013 NH 19.4% GHS 19.3%

68 2009 NH 24.4% GHS 36.2%

69 2007 NH 29.3% GHS 41.9%

70 Reading assistance is not allowed because of confidentiality, so there may be some students who
71 did not answer, or who did not answer accurately.

72 The percent of students that used Heroin one or more times in their life:

73 2013 NH 3% GHS 4.1%* Maine 3.9%

74 2009 NH 2.5% GHS 3.7%

75 2007 NH 3.9% GHS 9.4%

76 *This amounts to 17 students.

77 The percent of students who smoked marijuana before age 13:

78 2013 NH 7% GHS 6.8%

79 2009 NH 24.1% GHS 6%

80 2007 NH 25.1% GHS 32.5%

81 The percent of students who obtained prescription drugs without a valid prescription:

82 2013 NH 7.1% GHS 7.8% VT11% ME 12.3%

83 2009 NH 9.4% GHS 19.5% 13% No data

84 2007 No data No data No data No data

85 Ms. Jenkins stated she believes this was assisted by having drug drop boxes for unused
86 medications. They can be dropped off regardless of town of residence. They will also take OTC
87 medications, but NOT needles.

88 The percent of students who seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year:

89 2013 NH 15.4% GHS 17.3%

90 2009 NH 13.4% GHS 14%

91 2007 NH 14.3% GHS 16.7%

92 This can be tied to economic status and drug use.

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94 The percent of students who attempted suicide:

95 2013 NH 6.9% GHS 7.7%

96 2009 NH 5.4% GHS 5.3%

97 2007 NH 7.0% GHS 8.9%

98 A lot of work has been done to work on prevention. Those around them are great
99 gatekeepers.

100 The percent of students who used synthetic drugs such as K2 or Spice:

101 2013 NH 14.1% GHS 13.5%*

102 *This is 50.2 students. Two local stores have agreed to not carry these items. The
103 problem with synthetic drugs is there is no test except for one conducted at the state crime lab at
104 the cost of \$5000. There is no drug to give to counteract because it is synthetic. People do die
105 from this and the overdose is unsettling to watch. The individuals who spray marijuana with
106 chemicals change the chemicals used as soon as they are outlawed.

107 The percent of students who have discussed tobacco, alcohol, or drug use in the past 12 months
108 (Protective Factor)

109 2013 NH 50% GHS 48.2%

110 The Good News:

111 The percent of students NOT using illegal prescription drugs: 81.1%

112 The percent of students who have NOT attempted suicide in the last 12 months: 92.3%

113 The percent of students who have NOT tried or are using heroin: 95.9%

114 The percent of students who are NOT smoking synthetic marijuana: 96.5%

115 The percent of students who are NOT riding in a car with someone who has been
116 drinking: 78.3%

117 The percent of students who have NOT driven after drinking: 92.3%

118 The percent of students who are NOT drinking alcohol: 76.9%

119 The percent of students who are NOT binge drinking: 80.7%

120 The percent of students who are NOT using marijuana: 78.5%

121 Gilmanton is invited to attend the meetings of the Gilford task force once they resume in the fall
122 if we are interested in starting an alcohol and drug task force. It goes beyond the school and into
123 the greater community.

124 Frank Weeks asked if they have ever asked the source of the drugs/alcohol i.e. peer group/home?
125 Ms. Jenkins stated they do not believe that question is posed.

126 Through the drug and alcohol task force and through the athletic director and the drama
127 department, they are looking to implement a program titled “The life of an Athlete”, which
128 teaches healthy lifestyle choices such as eating, sleep, etc.... Some of this information will be
129 disseminated through health classes as well as through other areas using a multi-pronged and
130 multi-layered approach which involves parents and kids.

131 **Football MOU**

132 A memorandum of understanding was created to define the terms of agreement between the
133 Gilford School District (GSD) and the Shaker Regional School District (SRSD) to establish a
134 cooperative Football team. GSD’s Athletic director met with the Athletic Director from SRSD
135 and went through NHIAA guidelines. This will establish a two year agreement throughout which
136 both districts will share program costs. SRSD will reflect it in their operating budget next year.
137 The lead will be GSD. The two districts currently have a cooperative hockey program for which
138 SRSD is the lead. Specific costs are noted in the Memorandum of Understanding. Transportation
139 of SRSD students is their responsibility. This agreement is contingent upon approval of NHIAA.
140 Approval of the MOU from the joint Board is required in order for Shaker’s Board to sign off
141 and move forward.

142 **On a motion made by Kurt Webber, second Adam Mini, the joint Boards unanimously**
143 **approved the memorandum of understanding for the establishment of a cooperative**
144 **football team between Gilford School District and Shaker Regional School District.**

145 **Discipline Data**

146 Assistant Principal Anthony Sperazzo reported that overall disruption is way down, noting that
147 one-day ISS has decreased from in the 2011-2012 school year 169 to 88 in the 2012-2013 school
148 year, and to 57 in the current school year. Students were asked what can be done to help remedy
149 discipline issues, and they reported that hallways need supervision. Teachers have obliged. One
150 area that is still too high is drug instances, but there are efforts to move forward and decrease this
151 number as well. Students and parents have been reporting possible trouble to administration and
152 Principal Sawyer said he believes the positive reduction in discipline issues are a result of both
153 middle schools maintaining high expectations. Many kids know each other because of sports
154 and Assistant Principal Anthony Sperazzo added the older kids are helping to set a positive tone
155 and the younger students follow.

156 Superintendent Fauci said he appreciates the communication taking place regarding discipline
157 issues and referrals. Superintendent Hemingway reciprocated, noting that there have been a few
158 sticky situations that have been helped due to the participation of Gilmanton administration.

159 **Got Lunch Program**

160 GHS Nurse Meg Jenkins is one of the board members of the Got Lunch Program, which
161 provides meals for students for 9 weeks during the summer. It is based in the community center
162 and cooperates with the Gilford Community church. Many service organizations and student
163 groups have contributed to this. This is not connected to federal free and reduced lunch

164 programs. Any family in need can apply, and for additional information, contact to Kent or Scott
165 at the youth center.

166 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

167 None

168 **ACTION ITEMS**

169 None

170 **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

171 The next joint School Board meeting will take place at Gilford High School on Monday, October
172 6, 2014 at 6 PM.

173 **ADJOURNMENT**

174 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Sue Allan, the Joint Boards unanimously
175 voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

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