

1 **GILMANTON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

2 **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015**

3 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

4 Board Members Present: Michael Hatch, Adam Mini and Malcolm McLeod. Robert Carpenter  
5 and Frank Weeks were absent.

6 Administrators Present: Principal Locke, Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier,  
7 Superintendent John Fauci and Financial Manager Annmarie Scribner.

8 Others Present: GEA Co-President Amy Small, Facility Manager, David Sykie and meeting  
9 minute recorder, Rachel Hatch.

10 **CALL TO ORDER:**

11 Board Chair Michael Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

12 **PROOF OF POSTING:**

13 Proof of posting was verified by Rachel Hatch.

14 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

15 The agenda was approved as drafted.

16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

17 Resignation letters from Kasey Fritz and Faith Sanborn. A thank you letter from HOPE for New  
18 Hampshire for the memorial donation. Thank you note from Amy Osmer and the St. Hiliare  
19 family on the District's memorial donation in memory of Amy's mother's passing.

20 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

21 None.

22 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

23 **Board Member Report**

24 None.

25 **Principal's Report**

26 Principal Locke stated that there are currently 402 students as of this date. The administration  
27 does expect more registration as the summer nears an end. The District currently has 48  
28 registered kindergarten students. Grade 3 and 4 are the largest classes at this time. She stated that  
29 Trisha Comeau will be teaching one of the kindergarten classes this coming fall.

30 There are 50 plus students registered for summer school. The students seem to be looking  
31 forward to the program. The bus was one hour late on the first day. Superintendent Fauci stated

32 that the district gets reimbursed \$100.00 for each day that the bus is late. It is part of the First  
33 Student Transportation contract.

34 He stated that he will be interviewing two math teacher finalists next week.

35 **Superintendent's Report:**

36 Superintendent Fauci confirmed with the board that he has permission to employ the remaining  
37 new hires for the remainder of the summer. Board members affirmed that this is true.

38 He stated that the administration has met with the new financial manager and director of student  
39 services this past week. Both positions have experienced a smooth transition. Both Nancy  
40 Fournier and Annmarie Scribner are getting acclimated in their new positons.

41 Superintendent Fauci stated that he had recently attended the national principal's conference and  
42 was brought back information on the "I-Station, a personalized reading program for the students.  
43 He stated that it was a good program. He indicated that the administrative team will be viewing a  
44 webinar on the I-Station within the new few weeks to review this new program.

45 Superintendent Fauci stated that the administration has had several meetings concerning the  
46 septic system installation and the new modular. Installation of the lighting poles began today.  
47 Snow fences will be erected to keep the students safe during the project. The timeline for  
48 installation of the modular is on schedule at the present time. It is scheduled to be complete  
49 before the start of the school year.

50 **Nomination of Alexander Connell – Paraeducator**

51 Principal Locke stated that Mr. Connell will work in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

52 **Nomination of Charles Jenot – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian**

53 Principal Locke stated that Mr. Jenot was the best candidate to hire for this position.

54 **Septic System Installation Bids**

55 Superintendent Fauci stated that the bid opening was a public opening. He stated that he had  
56 received an email from a board member about the longevity of the system with selecting the  
57 lowest bidder. He stated that the quality of the work completed will be more than sufficient and  
58 will be of quality materials. He stated that the lowest bidder had previously done work for the  
59 District prior to this project and that the quality of work was very satisfactory. Mr. Fauci stated  
60 that the lowest bidder brings forward quality of work and they do an outstanding job.

61 Chairman Hatch stated that Mr. Mini had expressed his possible recuse from voting on awarding  
62 the septic system installation bid to the lowest bidder because he has personally known the  
63 bidder for years, having gone to school with one of his children. Mr. Hatch stated that Mr. Mini  
64 could cast his vote as he would have no financial gain in the vote.

65 **Tractor Bids**

66 It was noted that the lowest bidder was *MB Tractor* at a price of \$35,477.00 minus the trade in of  
67 \$2,500 at a net cost of \$32,977.00. It includes a three year bumper to bumper warranty. Facility

68 Manager David Sykie explained that the tractor would be adequate for snow blowing and  
69 moving the snow bankings as well as mowing the lawns during the summer months. He stated  
70 that the tractor would allow for moving the bleachers for various sports function, moving the  
71 soccer goals and yolk raking the baseball field for all home games. . Mr. Sykie stated that he  
72 would be able to move the wood chips for the playground as needed. He would also have the  
73 ability to haul loom, dirt, branches and lumber.

74 Adam Mini stated that there is currently \$19,470.00 in the expendable trust fund for the purchase  
75 of a tractor. He stated that the district would need \$13,500.00 from the encumbered funds to  
76 purchase the tractor.

77 **Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015.**

78 Adam Mini wanted to amend line #255 and add “for the intent of the tractor replacement” to  
79 complete his motion.

80 **Public Comment**

81 None.

82 **ACTION ITEMS**

83 **Acceptance of Resignation of Kasey Fritz**

84 **On a motion made by Adm Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board accepted the**  
85 **resignation of Kasey Frits and thanked her for her service to the District.**

86 **Acceptance of Resignation of Faith Sanborn**

87 Adam Mini stated that, on behalf of he and his wife, Michelle, he expressed their disappointment  
88 with hearing that Faith Sanborn will be leaving the District. He stated that they had the  
89 opportunity to work with Ms. Sanborn with one with their sons. Her impact was felt my many  
90 families because of the difference that she made for the students.

91 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board accepted the**  
92 **resignation of Faith Sanborn with regret.**

93 **Approval to Hire Alexander Connell**

94 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board unanimously**  
95 **voted to hire Alexander Connell as a paraeducator.**

96 **Approval to Hire Charles Jenot**

97 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board unanimously**  
98 **voted to hire Charles Jenot as 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian.**

99 **Septic System Installation**

100 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board unanimously**  
101 **voted to award the septic system installation bid to Clive Roberts.**

102 **Tractor Bid Award**

103 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board unanimously**  
104 **voted to award the tractor bid to *MB Tractor* at the cost of \$32,977.00.**

105 Adam Mini inquired as to the life span of the tractor. Mr. Sykie stated that the life span could be  
106 as long as 20 years as long as the tractor is maintained. He stated that the tractor would be stored  
107 in an insulated garage.

108 **June 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

109 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board**  
110 **unanimously approved the meeting minutes of June 9, 2015 as amended earlier during the**  
111 **board meeting.**

112 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board voted to**  
113 **withdraw \$19,470.00 from the Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.**

114 It was noted that \$16,734.00 had previously been encumbered for the purchase of the Tractor.

115 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A: 3 ii ( c )**

116 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the board, by roll call**  
117 **vote, went into non-public session at 6:50 p.m.**

118 Respectfully submitted,

119 Robert Carpenter,  
120 School Board Clerk