

1 **GILMANTON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

2 **THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

3 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

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

6 Administrators Present: Principal Locke, Vice Principal Deb Bergeron, Superintendent Fauci,
7 Business Administrator Donna Clairmont

8 Others Present: Courtenay Phillips

9 **CALL TO ORDER:**

10 Board Chair Michael Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

11 **PROOF OF POSTING:**

12 Proof of posting was verified by Superintendent Fauci.

13 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

14 No changes were made to the agenda.

15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

16 A letter of retirement was submitted by Sharon Johnston for the end of the 2015-2016 school
17 year.

18 Amanda Friend submitted a letter requesting approval of maternity leave.

19 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

20 none

21 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

22 **Board Member Report:**

23 The last Gilford meeting was 45 min. long

24 Gilford received the Art Theater grant for \$3,000 from Meredith Village Savings Bank.

25 They are looking into getting 3-D printers for the middle and elementary schools. Principal
26 Locke asked how they are planning to use them. Adam Mini said they didn't offer that
27 information.

28 Frank Weeks attended the Gilford Budget Committee Proceedings on Thursday, December 4 and
29 Thursday, December 11, 2014. He reported that the following:

30 The meeting dealt primarily with the Administration Budget and Middle School/High School
31 Budgets. The original request was for an increase of 2.68%. Some of the main issues are as
32 follows:

33 1. School Board Stipends: Budget Committee voted to reduce requested stipends from
34 \$5,500 to \$100 (approximately a \$5,000 reduction).

35 2. District Administrative Salary Increases: Budget Committee voted to deny an average
36 salary increase of 2.5% to all covered by the District Administrative Budget and opted to
37 leave \$1 for each individual covered by that budget (approximately \$16,990 reduction).

38 3. Fuel Oil: Budget Committee voted for the \$3.65/gallon fuel oil estimate to be reduced
39 to \$3.325/gallon for the entire district (approximately variable due to variability of
40 weather: \$33,443)

41 4. Challenges are in health insurance and N.H. Educator's Retirement System.

42 5. Maintenance budget decreased as there are less maintenane issues.

43 **Principal's Report:**

44 Current Enrollment-We currently have 407 students at the Gilmanton School, up from last
45 month's 406. Class numbers are as follows: K-43; 1-44; 2-50; 3-54; 4-42; 5-44; 6-36; 7-45; and
46 8-49 (gained one student). We are also expecting another sixth grader to be registered this week.

47 SEADS Update- Our first SEADS Day on January 9 went very well. We have added gymnastics
48 to our activities for K-2 students, and those participants came back very excited about their
49 morning. Other SEADS activities are: skiing; skating; horseback riding; bowling; and rock
50 climbing. For the non-skiers, the afternoon performer was a scientist who entertained all the
51 students in K-8 with his various experiments. We are having a magician performing this Friday
52 afternoon.

53 Star Watch- Grade 3 teachers have scheduled their annual Star Watch on Friday night at 6:30.
54 The event takes place in the athletic field and is dependent on having clear skies.

55 Gilford Writing Workshop- A group of Gilford teachers came to our school on Thursday
56 afternoon, January 8, and presented information regarding workshop offerings at the Gilford
57 School. The workshop titles are: *Writing for Assessment*; *STEM Writing*; and *Writing with*
58 *Reluctant Writers*. These workshops are after school, and they are part of the National Writing
59 Project through Plymouth State University. Our teachers can attend for free, or they can pay to
60 earn graduate credit. Several teachers are interested in attending.

61 Basketball Season- The basketball season is going quickly, with games for grades five and six
62 ending at the end of January, and seventh and eighth grade games ending in a month. The fifth
63 and sixth grade tournaments will start on February 6, and the seventh and eighth grade
64 tournaments will be the following weekend.

65 Board Chair Michael Hatch asked how 5/6 boys and girls basketball coach Jacob Goowdin was
66 handling being at the different tournaments. Principal Locke said she asked him to go with the
67 travelling team. Frank Weeks asked if there were any updates about the Gilford-Gilmanton

68 unified team. Principal Locke said there are none yet, but the concept was introduced at the last
69 administrative meeting and all agreed that is the direction that should be taken. Frank Weeks
70 asked about joining with the Gilford. Principal Locke said it is not likely to happen.

71 **Superintendent's Report:**

72 Today, Superintendent Fauci spoke with a spokesperson from Cop Sync, which is a system that
73 programs phones to dial 9-1-1 from any phone in the building and sends an immediate alert to all
74 cruisers in the area. There are 40 schools in NH that currently subscribe. There is a fee, but grant
75 monies are available to cover the first year, which is approximately \$1800. However, if our police
76 chief does not buy into it, the call would go to the nearest town that does subscribe. Then, we
77 would have to make a separate 9-1-1 call to notify Gilmanton Police. Another meeting will be
78 scheduled with Gilmanton Police Chief Joe Collins to see what his feelings are on the matter.
79 Superintendent Fauci would recommend it to the Board if the Chief buys into it. Superintendent
80 Fauci asked many questions of the spokesperson, and feels many of his questions can be
81 answered when Chief Collins is present. There is a chat component to Cop Sync, but the message
82 goes to the dispatcher who relays the message orally.

83 There has been a lot of communication with the town to offer as much support as we can. The
84 selectmen will hold their meeting here at the school as will the town for the Super Saturday
85 meeting. There is a possibility that election day will be held here as well, however it does raise
86 some challenges. After speaking with the administration, one concern is parking. Our parking lot
87 is full, so extra people in the parking lot during dismissal and arrival can be problematic.
88 Security is also a concern. Election day is currently scheduled for March 10th, and there is a
89 teacher workshop day on March 27th. Superintendent Fauci proposed switching the workshop
90 day and have the staff leave early on the election day. Superintendent Fauci spoke with the town
91 asking if staff could park at the Library, but they open at 1 which is why he proposes letting staff
92 out early that day. He said offering the use of the school is a nice way to build a bridge with the
93 town and offer them assistance through this difficult time. Superintendent Fauci anticipates more
94 meetings being held here. The town also asked to use our copy machines to prepare for the
95 deliberative session, with which Superintendent Fauci agreed. He stated that if the Board is
96 amenable, he will speak with Arthur tomorrow to offer the school for voting.

97 **Second and Final Reading of Policy GBEBD- Employee Use of Social Networking Websites**

98 Acceptance of this policy was tabled at the last meeting because there were no GEA
99 representatives present. The GEA discussed the policy and GEA Union Co-President Courtenay
100 Phillips ran it by the Uniserve director, who agreed it is a run of the mill policy. Superintendent
101 Fauci pointed out that it does not prohibit use of social media during school hours, but strongly
102 discourages it.

103 **Review of Policy DGD- School District Credit Cards**

104 As part of the audit, review of this policy must be brought up annually. Malcolm McLeod asked
105 if the credit card statements are reviewed by those who sign the manifest. Board Chair Michael
106 Hatch said they are.

107 **Nomination of Susan Roberts- One on One Paraeducator**

108 Susan Roberts has been trained in all of the pieces in which the district would have to train
109 someone, such as in CPI. She has to give two weeks notice in her current district. Board Chair
110 Michael Hatch agreed that she is an excellent choice. She was a School Resource officer in Alton
111 and in Barnstead and she also has a masters in secondary education.

112 **Recap of Public Hearing (held 01/07/15) and Super Saturday (held 01/10/15)**

113 Business Administrator Donna Clairmont has the default budget for signature.

114 Warrant article 11 has been reworded to reflect the suggestions made at the last Board meeting.

115 The Budget Committe recommended reducing the travel by \$750 and the fuel oil by \$9,000.
116 Warrant articles do not indicate if there is a difference in recommended cost between the Budget
117 Committee and the Board. It just indicates by whom it was not recommended if both parties
118 disagree with each other. To alleviate confusion by the voters, Business Administrator Donna
119 Clairmont suggests recommending the Budget Committee's number. That would also have an
120 impact on the default budget, which would now be \$10,033,908.

121 Robert Carpenter said he will be out of town for the deliberative session for Guard Duty.

122 Superintendent Fauci asked Board Chair Michael Hatch if there is anything he would like
123 administration to do to prepare for the deliberative session. For instance, there was a lot of
124 discussion about the modular, so he thought the Board might want to be proactive and get other
125 prices for a modular for comparison sake. Adam Mini suggested providing background
126 information for the warrant articles. Principal Locke said the Space Needs Committee report
127 should also be included. Board Chair Michael Hatch said at the end of the budget committee's
128 recommendation, we should offer a brief explanation as to why we chose to go with the modular
129 rather than with other options.

130 **Public Hearing on the Petition Warrant Article (Reversal of SB2)**

131 Superintendent Fauci said that the creation of a warrant article to rescind RSA 40:13, also known
132 as SB2, has been approved. An informational meeting must be held no more than 30 days, but no
133 less than 15 days before the day on which it is voted. A meeting held on February10 would be
134 within the time frame. This was verified by attorney Barbara Loughman. We can hold the
135 meeting prior to the school Board meeting. Adam Mini asked why there was controversy about
136 the letter sent to the public by the Board regarding SB2 last year. Superintendent Fauci clarified
137 that no school money or supplies can be used in such mailings. Therefore, the Board solely used
138 donations, but there was a misconception by some that the Board had used the school's supplies
139 when, in fact, they had not.

140 **Upcoming Board Meting Dates**

141 Superintendent Fauci said we will need action to approve the meeting to be held February10.

142 Rachel Hatch provided a list of the upcoming meetings and their representatives.

143 **Board Member Emails**

144 Superintendent Fauci stated he has been having difficulty e-mailing the Board. He has gotten
145 emails back and he doesn't know if they have been received and/or read. A few years ago, he
146 suggested using First Class so people can review the history and see if e-mails they sent have
147 been received and read. He said the NH School Board Association recommends using a school-
148 based email rather than personal emails. He said that under the Right to Know policy, if an issue
149 were to arise that required a review of e-mails, a lot of information from personal emails would
150 need to be submitted. Malcolm MacLeod said he has had some issues with logging into his First
151 Class account.

152 **Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014**

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154 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

155 None

156 Adam Mini asked if there is any opposition to getting some statistical data to help inform our
157 decision when it comes time to consider the area agreement.

158 Superintendent Fauci said he would like to bring it up at the next joint leadership meeting,
159 adding that they work so hard to bring the kids together and they don't want to do anything to
160 jeopardize the feeling of unity the kids feel at Gilford. Adam Mini agreed, noting that he
161 certainly doesn't want to cause a wedge. Principal Locke said that Peter Sawyer often doesn't
162 know which students are from each school. She said the kids also feel as part of the community
163 and we don't want to ruin that.

164 The Board discussed the change in numbers from both schools in the next four years, and the
165 financial impact those numbers will have. Superintendent Fauci said that there is a built-in
166 inherent increase to Gilford over which we have no control. Despite our numbers, we still only
167 have two school Board member representatives on the Gilford Board.

168 **ACTION ITEMS**

169 **On a motion made by Robert Carpenter, seconded by Frank Weeks, the Board**
170 **unanimously voted to approve the maternity leave request made by Amanda Friend.**

171 **On motion made by Robert Carpenter, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board**
172 **unanimously voted to accept the letter of retirement from Sharon Johnston.**

173 **On a motion made by Malcolm McLeod, seconded by Adam Mini, the Board unanimously**
174 **voted to approve Policy GBEBD as written.**

175 **On a motion made by Malcolm McLeod, seconded by Robert Carpenter, the Board**
176 **unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Susan Roberts as a One on One Paraeducator.**

177 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board unanimously**
178 **voted to approve the Public Hearing date on the Petition Warrant Article (SB2 Reversal)**
179 **for 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2015.**

180 **On a motion made by Robert Carpenter, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board voted**
181 **to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014 as written. Frank Weeks abstained.**

182 **On a motion made by Robert Carpenter, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board**
183 **unanimously voted to approve the revised budget to \$10,215,259 with a default budget of**
184 **\$10,033,908.**

185 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION-RSA 91-A :3 II (c) 7:20 p.m.**

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