

1 **GILMANTON SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION**
2 **WARRANT ARTICLE 6:00 P.M.-TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2015**
3 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

4 Board Members Present: Michael Hatch, Frank Weeks, Adam Mini, Malcolm McLeod

5 Administrators Present: Principal Locke, Director of Student Services Emily Reese,
6 Superintendent Fauci

7 Others Present: Vinnie Baiocchetti

8 Board Chair Michael Hatch called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

9 Vinnie Baiocchetti stated he is in support of rescinding SB2 believing SB2 has hurt our cause
10 rather than helped it. Last year we faced a possible funding cap which could have been
11 catastrophic for the school by not allowing the school to pay for contracts among other items.He
12 thinks we should go back to the regular town meetings. Superintendent Fauci asked if there is a
13 plan to disseminate any more information on repealing SB2. Mr. Baiocchetti said he imagines
14 there is. Superintendent Fauci offered to help in any way he can.

15 The hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

16 **GILMANTON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**
17 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

18 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

19 Board Members Present: Michael Hatch, Frank Weeks, Adam Mini, Malcolm McLeod

20 Administrators Present: Principal Locke, Director of Student Services Emily Reese,
21 Superintendent Fauci

22 Others Present: Amy Small

23 **CALL TO ORDER:**

24 Board Chair Michael Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

25 According to RSA 91-A:3 II (c), the Board entered into non-public session at 6:06 p.m.

26 The Board resumed the public session at 6:20 p.m.

27 **PROOF OF POSTING:**

28 Proof of posting was verified by Superintendent Fauci.

29 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

30 The agenda was approved as written.

31 **CORRESPONDENCE**

32 A letter of request was submitted by Sally Carpenter, Corresponding Secretary of the
33 Gilmanton's Women's Club, to donate a tree in memory of long time science teacher and former
34 president of the Women's Club, Jean Baxter.

35 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

36 None

37 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

38 **Donation from Mr. Maurice Munsey**

39 Mr. Munsey donated several old notebooks and pictures to the Board. Principal Locke will share
40 them with the 4th grades because they study Gilmanton history.

41 **Board Member Report:**

42 Gilford will be hosting the Harlem Magicians.

43 **Principal's Report:**

44 **Current Enrollment-** We currently have 408 students at the Gilmanton School, up from
45 last month's 407. Class numbers are as follows: K-43; 1-43 (down one student); 2-50 (lost one
46 and then gained one); 3-54; 4-42; 5-44; 6-38 (up two students); 7-45 (lost one and then gained
47 one); and 8-49. We are also expecting another fourth grader to be registered next week.

48 **SEADS Update-** The remaining SEADS Days went well. Students enjoyed their various
49 activities, and the last performer was a scientist who brought live animals to the show.

50 **Star Watch-** Grade 3 teachers were able to have their Star Watch on Friday, January
51 23rd. Their earlier date was canceled because of frigid temperatures.

52 Adam Mini said they were great and he was very impressed.

53 **Eighth Grade Field Trip-** The eighth graders traveled to Wolfeboro on Thursday,
54 February 5 to visit the Wright Museum. This field trip was the culminating event for their WWII
55 studies.

56 **Basketball Season-** The basketball season has ended for grades five and six. The Girls'
57 Team won the Suncook Valley Championship last weekend, and the Boys' Team came in fourth.
58 I commend Mr. Jacob Goodwin for all his hard work with the two teams.

59 **February Early Release-** The Science Committee has requested February's Early release
60 time to update classroom teachers on the new Science Standards as required by the State of NH.
61 They are also going to discuss an inventory of our current science kits to ensure that they are
62 placed in the appropriate classrooms.

63 **DARE Graduation-** Dare Graduation is Thursday, February 19 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.
64 Please feel free to join us.

65 **Superintendent's Report:**

66 Superintendent Fauci spoke to the many snowfalls thus far this year. He said he spent a lot of
67 early mornings talking to area superintendents about the snow. It has not been an easy year. He
68 also spent a lot of time driving through towns to ensure safe travel. Frank Weeks asked if we
69 coordinate with Gilford noting that during one storm, we canceled the night before, but they
70 canceled at 4 a.m. Superintendent Fauci said he consults with Mr. Hemingway, but they don't
71 always agree noting that different towns have varying weather experiences. Frank Weeks asked
72 about attendance of Gilmanton students going to Gilford if we cancel school but Gilford does
73 not. Director of Student Services Emily Reese said absences are excused if our students cannot
74 get to Gilford. Principal Locke added that she has also excused students who are absent on days
75 we have school but when roads are questionable. Superintendent Fauci explained the protocol for
76 making decisions to delay or cancel school. At around 4:00 or 4:15 a.m. he gets a call from Joyce
77 from First Student. She will often have spoken with the road agent and relays his
78 recommendation to Superintendent Fauci. Sometimes he will speak with the road agent directly.
79 He then speaks with area superintendents and looks at weather predictions. The fact that all
80 students are driven to school also plays into his decision making. He also speaks with Dave
81 Sykie to see if the school is cleared. Frank Weeks said parents appreciate the early notification
82 when possible. Frank Weeks asked about the bus accident this year when a car rear ended the
83 bus. Superintendent Fauci explained that when students arrived, they were checked out by the
84 nurse and parents were notified. All children appeared to be fine and were monitored throughout
85 the day. Adam Mini asked about blizzard bags. Principal Locke explained that the teachers feel
86 assignments do not take the place of classroom teaching.

87 There is a joint meeting in Gilford this Thursday when Gilmanton and Gilford administration
88 will meet. There will be a discussion about oil. We do not typically lock in our bid until April or
89 May, but Superintendent Fauci heard that by May gas will be back up to \$2.65. He suggested to
90 Business Administrator Donna Clairmont that they look independently of any grouping . Today,
91 in anticipation of the Board meeting, Superintendent Fauci contacted three oil companies to find
92 out what they could offer. Huckleberry, which delivers to 4 or 5 districts, were at \$2.25 for July
93 1-April 1. Superintendent Fauci tells the oil company roughly how much they are using, which
94 typically averages 20,000 gallons. There is no penalty for using less and it is the same price if we
95 use more. The budget committee approved \$3.00/gallon, so the savings would be significant.
96 Irving will only contract for July 1- February, so that means renegotiating mid-season. If we run
97 out, they could raise the price at that point..They will only have a price ready for us tomorrow as
98 will Rhymes. Frank Weeks asked if Huckleberry will guarantee the oil and Superintendent Fauci
99 confirmed they will. He will also call the districts with which Huckleberry does business and
100 find out their opinion. Huckleberry was suggested by Budget Committee member Brian Forst.

101 **Business Administrator's Report:**

102 Business Administrator Donna Clairmont was absent from this meeting, but Superintendent
103 Fauci asked if there is anything the Board would like them to do to help with understanding
104 warrant articles or other aspects of the budget. He typically meets with the PTA to discuss the
105 importance of encouraging people to get out and vote. Principal Locke said that is what she
106 encouraged them to do as well. The PTA said that 1:00 p.m. would be an easier meeting time for
107 parents. Frank Weeks asked if it would be possible to have a reporter come in and convey the
108 space issues. Superintendent Fauci said we can have a representative from the Laconia Sun come
109 in and see if she can observe our space concerns. Frank Weeks said there are some residents who
110 had 30+ kids in their own classes as children and have a hard time understanding why we cannot

111 have what we have. Superintendent Fauci said that if anyone takes the time to hear our needs,
112 they understand better.

113 **Deliberative Session Recap**

114 Nothing on which to elaborate.

115 **Drafted School Board Annual Report Letter**

116 No changes were suggested.

117 **2013-2014 School District Annual Reports Bids**

118 We requested several bids, but only received one, which was from the same company we used
119 last year. A suggestion was made to have the warrant articles on blue paper to distinguish the
120 warrant articles from the other information and to improve the appearance of the report.

121 Principal Locke conveyed on behalf of Anne Kirby that she doesn't believe many people actually
122 take the annual report prior to voting. We have cut back from 800 to 600 copies. It was different
123 when we had the School District meeting.

124 **Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar**

125 Gilford has some contract restrictions. They cannot start before September 1st. We cannot start
126 before August 25. Principal Locke proposed gathering the whole staff the Tuesday before school
127 begins for the first teacher workshop day. The second teacher workshop day we typically have at
128 the beginning of school will be held September 4, 2015. The next week, Labor Day will be
129 observed on Monday, school will be held Tuesday-Friday, then the following week is a full week
130 of school. She couldn't see having only two days of school in the week. Malcolm McLeod asked
131 what would happen to the last workshop day if we have snow days. Principal Locke said it would
132 be moved to the end of school. She explained we have 5 workshop days, two of which are in
133 September, one in October, one in March, and one in June. The teachers have requested to have
134 the 23rd of December as part of the Christmas Vacation.

135 **Nomination of Rachel Divers- Art Club Advisor**

136 Rachel Divers has been working steadily every week as a volunteer. Principal Locke asked that
137 she be officially named as an Art Club Advisor.

138 **Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2015**

139 No changes

140 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

141 None

142 **ACTION ITEMS**

143 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board unanimously**
144 **approved the request from Sally Carpenter to plant a tree in memory of Jean Baxter.**

145 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board unanimously**
146 **agreed to accept the donation of notebooks and pictures made by Mr. Maurice Munsey.**

147 **On a motion made by Malcolm McLeod, seconded by Frank Weeks, the Board**
148 **unanimously approved the School Board Annual Report Letter.**

149 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Michael Hatch, the Board voted three to**
150 **one to approve the bid for printing the School District Annual Report inclusive of the color**
151 **paper, color pictures, and the perfect binding with Adam Mini, Michael Hatch, and Frank**
152 **Weeks in Favor or the Perfect Binding and Malcolm McLeod opposed.**

153 **Malcolm McLeod suggested using the GBC binding because it is less expensive.**

154 **On a motion made by Frank Weeks, seconded by Adam Mini, the Board unanimously**
155 **approved the school calendar based on the fact that it was approved by the union.**

156 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board unanimously**
157 **voted to approve the School Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2015 as written.**

158 **On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm McLeod, the Board unanimously**
159 **voted to extend the Superintendent's contract by two years.**

160 **In the future, Frank Weeks would like to see a longer term contract of three years**
161 **and the salary increases occur per year. Superintendent Fauci said that the last time his**
162 **contract was negotiated the increase was set at 2% for both years. Traditionally, the**
163 **increase was different yearly.**

164 **On a motion made by Frank Weeks, seconded by Adam Mini, the Bard unanimously voted**
165 **to approve the Superintendent's contract two years and discuss the terms later.**

166 **A motion was made by Malcolm McLeod and seconded by Frank Weeks that assuming**
167 **positive reviews, we will lock in an oil price of \$2.24 with Huckleberry.**

168 **Superintendent Fauci said that \$2.24 will be the highest the price will be. However the**
169 **other company may come in lower. The motion was withdrawn.**

170 **On a motion made by Malcolm McLeod, seconded by Frank Weeks, the Board**
171 **unanimously agreed to lock in an oil price for 2015-16 not to exceed \$2.24, providing good**
172 **references are given.**

173 **On motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Frank Weeks, the Board unanimously voted**
174 **to adjourn the School Board Meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

175 **Respectfully submitted,**

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177 **Robert Carpenter,**

178 **School Board Clerk**