

1 **GILMANTON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

2 **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

3 **GILMANTON SCHOOL SCIENCE ROOM**

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

5 Administrators Present: Principal Locke, Vice Principal Deb Bergeron, Superintendent Fauci,  
6 Business Administrator Annmarie Gilligan, Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier

7 Others Present: Courtenay Phillips

8 **CALL TO ORDER:**

9 Superintendent Fauci called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

10 On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the Board unanimously  
11 voted to approve Michael Hatch as the Board Chairperson.

12 On a motion made by Michael Hatch, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the Board unanimously  
13 voted to approve Adam Mini as the Board Vice Chairperson.

14 Robert Carpenter has been deployed and will be gone for 11 months. We have a letter from  
15 Attorney Barrett Christina stating that Robert continues to have the right to be a Board Member.  
16 At the moment, he is not available, but when he has a permanent location, we will be able to  
17 Skype him into meetings. Superintendent Fauci said the only change that has to be made is in the  
18 way we vote. Rather than asking if all are in favor or if anyone is opposed to a motion, the Board  
19 will have to vote by roll call. In the past, Robert was School Board Clerk, which involves signing  
20 off on the minutes.

21 On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the Board unanimously  
22 voted to elect Frank Weeks as temporary School Board Clerk.

23 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Adam Mini, the Board elected Michael  
24 Hatch and Frank Weeks as warrant signers.

25 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Michael Hatch, the Board unanimously  
26 voted to elect Adam Mini as Gilford High School Board representative.

27 Superintendent Fauci asked if there is a need from the NHSBA for any trainings, as they are  
28 heavily involved in Board protocol trainings at this time. Board Chair Michael Hatch said it  
29 would be helpful to have a refresher training. Superintendent Fauci said he will schedule it for  
30 the next meeting.

31 **PROOF OF POSTING:**

32 Proof of posting was verified by Superintendent Fauci.

33 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

34 **CORRESPONDENCE**

35 The letter submitted by Robert Carpenter was discussed earlier during the nominations.

36 A letter of resignation was regrettably submitted by Jim Fougere.

37 A letter of resignation was submitted by middle school math teacher Michele Giordano.

38 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

39 **Board Member Report:**

40 Frank Weeks and Adam Mini reported from the GHS Board meeting that Kent Hemmingway is  
41 being named for Champion for Children.

42 The robotics team won the championship this year. Principal Locke said she is trying to arrange  
43 for a demonstration to occur here at Gilmanton. Nine GES students and two home schooled  
44 children represent Gilmanton on that team. They are going to UNH on the 25th and 26th of  
45 March.

46 The bond passed for GHS.

47 Class selections for 8th graders is beginning this week.

48 The Nordic Ski team and Girls' Basketball team both won championships this year.

49 GHS is working on designing a job skills class, in which students partner with area businesses.  
50 Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier explained that it is a transition class for students  
51 with disabilities that takes place in the third trimester

52 Some resources that explain the math to parents were gathered. The resources link the subject  
53 matter with a video. Adam Mini will send a link to show administration.

54 **Principal's Report:**

55 **Current Enrollment-** We currently have 403 students at the Gilmanton School, down one  
56 student since February. The numbers are as follows: K-49 (down one); 1-33; 2-42; 3-51; 4-54; 5-  
57 45; 6-47; 7-38; and 8-44.

58 **Artist in Residence-** A potter from Salty Dog Pottery in Barnstead is working with our students  
59 in K-8 to create a tiled mural to hang on the wall going up the ramp into the middle school. The  
60 eighth grade is the core group, and those students designed the mural around landmarks in the  
61 town of Gilmanton. The unveiling of the mural will take place during Ms. Potter's Art Show in  
62 late Spring.

63 **Eighth Grade Transition-** The Gilford HS Guidance Counselors came to Gilmanton School to  
64 give an overview of courses to both our 8th grade teachers and students. A parent night took  
65 place at 6:30 PM that same evening, March 3. Families were given information about the  
66 upcoming school year, and they toured the building. Teachers are now recommending courses to  
67 eighth graders, and the students are required to register online. The Gilford Counselors are

68 coming back to Gilmanton School on Wednesday, March 23 to meet with parents and students to  
69 review their course selections.

70 **Army National Guard Band Assembly-** March is Music in the Schools Month, so Mrs. Hayes  
71 arranged for the Army Nat'l Guard Band to perform for our K-8 students on March 8. Their  
72 musical choices were current and well-known by the students, making for an upbeat and exciting  
73 assembly for all of our students. Many of the students got up and danced and sang along with the  
74 performers!

75 **Lakes Region Junior High Festival-** Ms. Sawyer and several of her Chorus and Band students  
76 attended the LRJH Festival all day on Friday, March 11. The students from area schools practiced  
77 all day and then performed together in the evening. This year's festival took place at Newfound  
78 Regional School.

79 **Destination Imagination Regional Tournament-** Mrs. Wilson's DI Teams attended a regional  
80 tournament this past Sat. The two teams were the Krazy Krew and the Shock Bananas; the Krazy  
81 Krew placed third in their competition.

## 82 **Upcoming Events:**

83 Trimester 2 Report Cards- Friday, March 18

84 Parent Conferences- Thursday, March 24, 1:15-4:30

85 Teacher Workshop Day- Friday, March 25

86 Grade 2 Famous Americans Night- Monday, March 28 at 6 PM

87 Spring Play- Thursday, March 31 at 7 PM and Saturday, April 2 at 2 PM

88 Smarter Balance will be starting next week. The window has already opened. we are  
89 starting with third grade and parents will receive a letter which will go out tomorrow.  
90 Math has been pushed out a little further out so teachers can teach as much math as  
91 possible. Chrome books, mice, and student corrals are all being prepared  
92 Superintendent Fauci said that K-8 schools are at a disadvantage because there is not  
93 a lot of resources that can be spread out. Vice Principal Deb Bergeron added that other  
94 teachers can't use videos and streaming during this time because of the amount of  
95 bandwidth used.

## 96 **Superintendent's Report:**

97 Superintendent Fauci thanked Vice Principal Deb Bergeron for all her work around Smarter  
98 Balance.

99 Superintendent Fauci included Robert's Carpenter's e-mail and asked if discussion needed to take  
100 place. He also included the results of the Gallop Poll conducted at Gilford.

101 Superintendent Fauci has been talking to area superintendents about area agreements. There is an  
102 area school looking at moving away from their area agreement in 2-3 years. We are five years  
103 out after this year. Adam Mini said there is a lot to be done and feels we should start looking into

104 our options. Frank Weeks and Malcolm MacLeod agreed. Superintendent Fauci offered to  
105 structure a committee including various members of the administration, teaching staff,  
106 community members, budget committee members, etc...

107 Conversation about staffing for next year has begun. Advertising for open positions has also  
108 begun.

109 iStataion was looked at by teachers. Administration tries to empower teachers in having a say in  
110 the direction we want to go. We will not be using iStation. Another progress monitoring program  
111 is being examined.

112 Superintendent Fauci hopes to have a budget forecast for the next meeting, including  
113 unexpended funds.

114 Superintendent Fauci hopes to get insurance rates shortly. There has been interest in moving over  
115 to School Care insurance for administration as well. He would like to have this ready for the next  
116 meeting as well.

117 Superintendent Fauci met with Gilford Superintendent Kent Hemingway and First Student about  
118 the last snow day. Kent Hemingway, Superintendent Fauci, and the new, incoming  
119 superintendent will work on a memorandum of understanding regarding snow days.

#### 120 **Proposed 2016-17 School Calendar**

121 There is a lot that goes into it developing a school calendar. We must consider our sister school,  
122 the Hewett Tech Center's schedule, and contractual obligations. It is then brought to the teaching  
123 staff, and then to the administration to bring to the Board for approval. Robert Carpenter had  
124 suggested some changes, but Board Chair Michael Hatch said he doesn't believe we should just  
125 make these changes. Principal Locke said we try to mirror our schedule with Gilford's as much  
126 as possible. If we had mirrored their teacher workshop the first Friday of school, we would have  
127 had only two days of school the first week. Superintendent Fauci said it's a nice progression of  
128 having three days the first week, four days the second week, then a full week. Principal Locke  
129 said we also bring 8th graders to Hidden Valley. The early release on April 19th will be moved  
130 to April 12th instead.

#### 131 **Nomination of Mariah Cleveland-Track and Field Assistant Coach**

132 Mariah Cleveland has been a tutor with us for the last two years. Karen Stockwell feels she is  
133 qualified and is a runner herself. She participated in track in high school, so she has experience.

#### 134 **Nomination of Sean Hayes-Middle School Baseball Coach**

135 Sean Hayes has been coaching for several years. This is just a re-nomination of someone who  
136 has coached in the past.

#### 137 **Nomination of Jill Neilson-Middle School Softball Coach**

138 Jill Neilson has been teaching Middle School Science for the past year. She has coached softball  
139 in the past in other schools and she is very enthusiastic.

140 **Discussion of Approved 2016-2017 Budget**

141 All Board members signed the MS22. Superintendent Fauci reiterated that iStation is in the  
142 budget, but will not be used. Superintendent Fauci is also having discussions with Network  
143 Administrator Matt Hogan about the half time position. Frank Weeks asked about the salary  
144 reports and whether they include benefits, noting that Gilford's does. Superintendent Fauci said  
145 that if we include that information, the potential exists to figure out what plans people have.

146 **February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

147 No changes.

148 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

149 None

150 **ACTION ITEMS**

151 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Adam Mini, The Board unanimously  
152 accepted the resignation of Jim Fougere.

153 On a motion made by Adam Mini , seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, The Board unanimously  
154 accepted the resignation of Michele Giordano.

155 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Adam Mini, The Board unanimously  
156 approved the 2016-17 District calendar as amended.

157 On a motion made by Adam Mini, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, The Board unanimously  
158 approved the nomination of Mariah Cleveland as assistant track and field coach Sean Hayes as  
159 middle school baseball coach, and Jill Neilson as middle school softball coach.

160 On a motion made by Malcolm MacLeod, seconded by Frank Weeks, The Board unanimously  
161 accepted the Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016.

162 On a motion made by Frank Weeks, seconded by Malcolm MacLeod, the Board unanimously  
163 voted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

164 Respectfully submitted,

165 Frank Weeks,

166 School Board Clerk