

GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

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The Gilford School Board held a regular meeting on Monday July 15, 2019 at the Gilford SAU Office. Present were Board members Chris McDonough, Jeanin Onos, Karen Thurston, Gretchen Gandini, and Rae Mello-Andrews. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler and Scott Isabelle.

OPENING

School Board Chair Chris McDonough called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Beitler confirmed posting of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

Strategic Plan Discussion/Approval

Chair McDonough asked if there were any questions or comments about the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Beitler said there was an addition to the role of the members of the committee but no goals changed based on the June meeting. Karen Thurston motioned to approve the Strategic Plan. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

District Goals

Board Chair McDonough brought forward the 2018-2019 District Goals for review. Chair McDonough mentioned that the Strategic Plan and goals were similar, but the goals were shorter term and the Strategic Plan is 5 years and more of long-term goals. Discussion ensued.

General Assurances for Federal Grants

Superintendent Beitler shared the revised NH DOE General Assurances for Federal Grants. Superintendent Beitler reviewed Federal laws, fiscal management, District policies, internal controls, DOE regulations and other requirements. Discussion and questions followed.

2019-2020 Calendar Review

Superintendent Beitler discussed the 2019-2020 school calendar with the Board stating that the high school trimester finals in December and March had early release days in the same week and we were looking to make a change to the approved calendar by one week. Gretchen Gandini asked that notification was given to the Gilford Youth Center, Gilford Library, PTA, parents and others that provide services to students on early release days. Gretchen Gandini moved to approve the change. Rae Mello-Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Business Administrator Report

Business Administration Isabelle gave an update on the summer maintenance projects and Ken Mulleavey. Mr. Isabelle reviewed the Poison Ivy eradication around the track fence. One estimate is for \$6,400 and we are hoping for one other estimate. Gretchen Gandini motioned to allow an expenditure of up to \$6,400 for Poison Ivy eradication. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Scott Isabelle informed the Board that the on-site audit was complete. Once the audit is final and we have a copy of the report, Scott will present it to the Board. Scott reviewed the 2018-2019 budget summary and fund balance.

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Discussion ensued regarding the MEP study for middle and high school and the age of the buildings (MS 16 years, HS 16 years since last renovation).

Peter Sawyer arrived at 5:55 p.m.

2020-2021 Budget Discussion/Direction

The Board would like to see a range of numbers in the 2020-2021 budget at 0% - 1% and 2%. This should include the teachers' contract.

Discussion took place on the Meadows bathroom project and the possible use of the Meadows Expendable Trust Fund to develop a plan.

The Board reviewed the CIP. Scott mentioned that the numbers on pricing needed to be updated as some are 3-5 years old. Added to the plan was GHS/GMS paving and roof top air conditioning units.

Public Comment:

Sue Greene from Shore Road stated that she met a person in her shop that has a Poison Ivy harvesting business. Scott Isabelle said that he would reach out to Sue to get the contact information.

Non Public Session

Non-Public – RSA 91-A:3II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Non-Public RSA 91-A:3II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting.*

At 6:30 p.m., Rae Mello-Andrews made the motion to go into non-public session; Karen Thurston seconded. A roll call vote was conducted as follows: Chris McDonough, yes; Gretchen Gandini, yes; Jeanin Onos, yes; Karen Thurston, yes; Rae Mello-Andrews, yes. Motion passes 5-0.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board re-entered public session.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. by Rae Mello-Andrews. Karen Thurston seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jeanin Onos
School Board Secretary**