

**GILMANTON-GILFORD JOINT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GILMANTON SCHOOL
JULY 14, 2020**

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier, Gilmanton Superintendent Bruce Beasley, Business Administrator Christine Hayes, Gilmanton Principal Julie Couch, Assistant Principal Ben Wolfson, John Fauci, Kirk Beitler Tim Goggin and Amie Leigh.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Malcolm MacLeod, Adam Mini, Michelle Heyman, Johnna McKenna, Richard Bushnell, Chris McDonough, Gretchen Gandini, Karen Thurston, Jeanin Onos and Kyle Sanborn.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Terry Burlingame, Joe Haas

OTHER:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00

PROOF OF POSTING

Confirmed with Joyce.

AGENDA

Gilmanton Superintendent Bruce Beasley introduced the new administrators and thanked them all for being here.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Report

Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler reviewed the following:

Student learning-Gilford is offering performance assessment institute for teachers and looking to offer collaborative learning in August for teachers. Administration has been working to look at best practices for Google, to have an opportunity to be more structured in the program and ensure that google classrooms are uniform to make it easier for students and parents to navigate. They are looking at tools that were successful and offer training for teachers.

SAT-The Department of Education has scheduled SAT for class of 2021. They were not able to take it in the spring. The specific date will follow.

Families and Community- Gilmanton-Gilford administration meetings continued this year until we went remote. Afterward, they connected via phone. Business Administrators were meeting to discuss budgets. The area agreement was passed by both communities.

Resource Management-Assistant Principal Tim Goggin is leading the reopening and has engaged the staff in the process. They are looking at various scheduling options. They started to welcome students back on the campus. They have some summer programming (in person and remote). Student athletes have also been welcomed back.

First Student-Assistant Principal Tim Goggin and Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler had a conversation with First Student and they are now saying there should only be one student per seat, which could present a challenge to get everyone to school at one time, necessitating a couple runs.

New Staff- They have hired a school counselor and special education case manager. They do have an open study hall monitor position.

Safety and Facilities- A copy of the indoor air quality report has been given to all Board members.

The gym floor has been refinished and electricians have been working on lighting projects. They will be outside, and then on the stage. They are also scheduled to do some painting as well as finishing the security film on the windows at the front of the building in the vestibule.

Custodians continue to do a great job disinfecting and cleaning the building.

Gilmanton Board member Johnna McKenna asked if the indoor air quality is a normal annual requirement. Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler said that they have been doing it on a yearly basis, but this is the first year he recalls being required to share it with the school board.

Gilford Board member Kyle Sanborn asked if there has been any conversation about cost reduction with First Student given the amount we have been paying. Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler said he will look into it.

Gilmanton Board member Richard Bushnell asked if the ventilation and ductwork cleaning will be added. Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler said there is a regular air filter replacement per manufacturer regulations. The ducts are not cleaned. Richard Bushnell asked if five-year cleaning is required. Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler said he would have to look into it. However, he does not believe it is a recommendation by the manufacturer.

Business Administrator's Report

Gilford Business Administrator Amie Leigh stated that there are increased revenue numbers from the June date. Expenditures were not as high, so the fund balance was increased.

Gilmanton Board Chair Adam Mini asked if the shared drive will continue. He will also make sure Richard Bushnell has access to that. Adam Mini asked if there is further discussion about encumbrances. Business Administrator Amie Leigh said that this reflects those as well. Business Administrator Christine Hayes said we did make the final payment. Gilford can retain 2.5 % of their fund balance to offset the emergency items they may run into. Adam Mini said we earmark for specific purposes so we can defend it.

Assistant Principal's Report

Assistant Principal Tim Goggin said this is the first year they initiated lead time, which helped increase academic remediation during the school day (twice a week). The emphasis was placed on students to seek out help for their academic needs. Assistant Principal Tim Goggin said it was a highlight of the year and the feedback has been all positive and they would consider increasing the number of days it is offered each week. They will continue with lead time in the future.

Assistant Principal Tim Goggin said they are thrilled with the extension of the area agreement. The staff and students were elated.

Making learning personal through personal connections...older students mentored younger skiers at Gunstock, building leadership through building relationships.

Senior Awards-Media Director Corey Nazer put together a movie with the administrative team and put into a half hour package. The same was true for the graduation. Not being able to have a typical graduation was a challenge. Conversations took place with students and parents, the fire department, police department, etc... Students were opposed to having anything virtual. Pat McGonagle, from Gunstock, was instrumental with supporting the graduation. All time and space were donated. He received positive feedback and they would like to continue to offer live stream in the future. They had FM transmitters so people in the back could hear the ceremony. They ended with a parade through Gilmanton and Gilford. The students were very appreciative.

Assistant Principal Tim Goggin attached the discipline data. It is like comparing apples and oranges, so it is difficult to project where the numbers would have fallen.

Staff members came together during remote learning. Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler gave the staff latitude and as a result they learned a lot from this experience. They gave 110% and learned many new tools. There is a lot that has been learned and they have enhanced their experiences to use in the future if needed.

Enhancing leaders within- 10-12 teachers facilitated professional development for faculty on performance-based assessment. Units are available for teachers to utilize.

Onsite visit has been postponed until October 21.

Retirees-June Boutwell, Irene Dami, Mary McCall, Dick Dumais, Terry Wilson, Mike Zulauf, and Jean Moreau.

Gilmanton Board Chair Adam Mini said he watched the slide show and the graduation and commended the work that went into the events. He gave kudos to the teachers at the high school as well. He asked how the morale was at the end of the year. Assistant Principal Tim Goggin said they are fortunate to have teachers who like to build relationships with their students, so there was an overall challenge in not being able to interact face to face. Not being able to say goodbye in the capacity they would have liked was difficult.

Gilmanton Board member Michelle Heyman said that we have discussed surveying our staff. She asked if Gilford is doing something similar and if there will be results to share in August.

Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler said that they would like to survey parents to see if there is anyone who is planning on keeping their child home. That may change how they do things. He also wants to know if they want remote learning opportunities. There is a push from the State to create a remote learning team. They also need to know from staff if anyone has underlying health conditions that would prevent them from returning to school.

Gilmanton Superintendent Bruce Beasley asked if there has been any discussion about recovering some transition activities for the incoming ninth graders. Tim explained the traditional jump start. Lori Jewett is currently working on that.

Draft Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019, Joint Board Meeting

The Gilford Board members said they do not have the minutes.

Public Comment

None

Action Items

On a motion made by Michelle Heyman, seconded by Chris McDonough, the joint Boards unanimously voted to accept the Joint Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2019.

On a motion made by Michelle Heyman, seconded by Chris McDonough, the joint Boards unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:39 pm.