

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
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The Gilford School Board held a work session on July 13, 2021 in the Gilford High School Library. Present were Board members Gretchen Gandini, Jeanin Onos, Kyle Sanborn, Audra Kelly and Karen Thurston. Administrators present were Danielle Bolduc, Peter Sawyer, Anthony Sperazzo, Esther Kennedy, Brenda McGee and Amie Leigh.

Opening

School Board Chair Gretchen Gandini called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Amie Leigh confirmed posting of the meeting.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session. There being no comments, Chair Gandini closed public comment.

Strategic Plan Review

The Board reviewed the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued on each goal. The plan was updated to reflect the on-going goals as well as the goals that have been completed.

Review of 2019-2020 Goals

The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 School District Goals. Each goal was reviewed and marked as complete or on-going. Updates/additions were made. Discussion ensued regarding the Robotics program and how to get more students involved in the program. There is grant money to support the program. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of an extended learning opportunity for students in the program.

Capital Improvement Plan Review

Amie Leigh presented an updated Capital Improvement Plan for the Board's consideration. Discussion ensued on the upcoming projects, capital account balances and estimated projections.

Technology Plan Review

Brenda McGee presented the updated Technology Plan to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding annual replacement of network/infrastructure, replacement of computers/chromebooks and security measures against cyberattacks.

2021 – 2022 Budget Development Discussion

Amie Leigh asked the Board what their aspirations were for the 2022-2023 budget. The Board agreed that they would like to see a level funded budget.

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Facilities Projects Update

Ken Mulleavey gave the Board an update of the current maintenance projects:

- GES repoint is finished.
- GES windows are in.
- GMS & GHS gym floors have been re-sealed.
- Water bottle fillers are in (one more needs to be installed in the GHS gym).
- GMS shelving is being installed on Wednesday.
- GMS rain shed is due to be completed next week.
- GHS compressor for AC is installed.
- GHS entryway glass is complete.
- The new mower has been received.
- V.F.D. for main circulator pumps are complete.
- Two out of three jaces have been built.
- GHS carpet is due to be installed July 26.

Technology Projects Update

Brenda McGee gave the Board an update of the current technology projects. The high school security cameras are currently being replaced and should be done next week. The upgrading of wireless access across the District should be done next week as well.

Staffing Update

Amie Leigh informed the Board that staffing was going well. There are two open positions at the high school and interviews are scheduled for this week. There are currently three para educator positions available as well.

ESSER Grants

Amie Leigh updated the Board on the ESSER grants. The ESSER II grant is currently in process and we are waiting for some more approvals from the DOE. We will need to have a public hearing in August to accept the ESSER III grant funds in the amount of \$1,245,290.72. Discussion ensued regarding possible expenditures for the money. Some of the items discussed were:

- Staffing for wellness and mental health for families, staff and students.
- Summer programing for Title I.
- Summer camps.
- After school programming.

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Gretchen Gandini suggested collaborating with the town for community wide needs. Some options discussed were Gotlunch, the library, town hall and the youth center. Amie Leigh said the State is providing training on the acceptable use of the funds. Gretchen Gandini commended Amie for her work on the grants.

Discussion ensued regarding getting the community involved in the schools. Karen Thurston suggested having students do a video walkthrough to aired on public TV to share with the community. Gretchen Gandini suggested we host a community wide social/open house at the schools.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session. There being no comments, Chair Gandini closed public comment.

At 7:10 p.m., on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Kyle Sanborn, the Board voted to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Gretchen Gandini, yes; Jeanin Onos, yes; Audra Kelly, yes; Kyle Sanborn, yes; Karen Thurston, yes.

At 8:50 p.m., the Board came out of non-public session. On a motion by Karen Thurston and a second by Jeanin Onos, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Sanborn
School Board Secretary