

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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The Gilford School Board held a meeting on November 1, 2021 in the Gilford High School Auditorium. Present were Board members Gretchen Gandini, Jeanin Onos, Kyle Sanborn, Audra Kelly and Karen Thurston. Gilmanon representatives were Johnna McKenna and Michelle Heyman. Administrators present were Superintendent Beitler, Amie Leigh, Peter Sawyer, Brenda McGee, Rick Acquilano and Anthony Sperazzo.

Opening

School Board Chair Gretchen Gandini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Beitler confirmed posting of the meeting.

Chair Gandini asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence to remember Matthew Smith, his family, friends and all who loved him.

2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Beitler and Business Administrator, Amie Leigh, presented the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

Approval of Minutes

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting. Audra Kelly seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a 7-0 vote.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session.

Steve Peterson spoke about his concern about COVID vaccines being offered at school for children.

Chair Gandini stated that we would just be a site where the Partnership for Public Health would offer vaccines to parents who chose to have their children vaccinated. A vaccine clinic was recently offered at the high school and had the Board's approval.

There being no further comments, Chair Gandini closed public comment.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Beitler presented his report and highlighted the following:

All senior and junior transcripts have been audited and the MMS transcripts were reviewed one more time. All high school transcripts in Alma have completed credit audits.

The Partnership for Public Health would like to begin offering the vaccine for 5 – 11 year olds the week of November 15th with the second dose administered the week of December 13th. They would like to know if Gilford is interested in participating for their planning purposes.

Audra Kelly made a motion to not participate. Kyle Sanborn seconded the motion.

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Discussion ensued. Chair Gandini clarified that the school is a public building and the Board has supported flu clinics the past two years.

The motion failed with a 2-3 vote with Gretchen Gandini, Karen Thurston and Jeanin Onos voting against the motion.

Karen Thurston motioned that we host the Partnership for Public Health to make COVID vaccines available for those who choose to opt in. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos and passed with a 3-2 vote. Kyle Sanborn and Audra Kelly were the opposing votes.

Superintendent Beitler shared a copy of a COVID 19 dashboard that he would like to put on the district website and update weekly. This is an effort to cut down on some of the daily notices going out to families related to a positive case of COVID. Michelle Heyman stated that Gilmanton has a similar dashboard on their website and it works well.

Michelle Heyman motioned to apply the dashboard method to the website. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion which passed with a 7-0 vote.

Superintendent Beitler shared a draft copy of the District goals that the School Board worked on in July 2021 for review and sought approval. On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Kyle Sanborn, the Board voted 5-0-2 to approve the goals. Michelle Heyman and Johnna McKenna abstained from the vote.

Principals' Reports

Peter Sawyer and Anthony Sperazzo submitted their report as written.

Cooperative Football Program

Athletic Director Rick Acquilano shared his letter of recommendation to notify the Shaker School District that we are looking to dissolve the relationship (Cooperative Football) and we will honor the MOU. This recommendation is based on the lack of participation by student athletes from our partner school (Belmont). We have also petitioned the NHIAA football committee to reconsider our classification and allow us to play football in Division III rather than having the two schools' enrollment combined for classification purposes thus forcing us to participate at the Division II level.

Rick stated that we were denied in two petitioning attempts, (voted down 9-0 and 8-1) by the NHIAA football committee. We presented a lack of numbers of players from Belmont in each case. We also presented that simply combining both schools' enrollments to determine classification seemed archaic and that other considerations should have been taken into account. Regardless, we were denied and have been put in a situation where our team has played against difficult circumstances and against much stronger football programs. If we remain in a cooperative status with Belmont, we will again be forced to play at the Division II level, a competitive disadvantage to us for sure.

Karen Thurston motioned to submit the letter and move forward with separating from Belmont. Kyle Sanborn seconded the motion, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Michelle Heyman thanked Rick Acquilano for his efforts.

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Business Administrator Report

Amie Leigh stated that during the review of the budget presentation, it was discovered that the Curriculum Stipends were not removed during our budget workshops. Because the Curriculum/Grant Director position was approved, these stipends need to be removed.

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Audra Kelly made a motion to reduce the budget \$46,320 for the total cost of curriculum stipends. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a 5-0-2 vote. Michelle Heyman and Johnna McKenna abstained from the vote.

Karen Thurston motioned to approve the corrected voted budget amount of \$26,310,215. Jeanin Onos seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0-2 vote. Michelle Heyman and Johnna McKenna abstained from the vote.

Amie Leigh presented the proposed warrant articles.

October Budget Entries

Amie Leigh shared the October budget entries. Entry #1 was to load the voted budget into the “working budget” column. This protects the integrity of the voted budget by making a copy of it. Fund 31 total in the entry is \$25,842,894. This entry is 17 pages of account numbers and voted dollar amounts.

The issue she found was when they copied the budget from Profund, it was short \$16,260.00 due to some accounts being “inactive”.

Entry #2 is the correction to make the balance \$25,859,154. ($25,859,154 - 25,842,894 = 16,260$)

Entry #3 is the addition of two state approved activities to the budget of the ESSER II grant and a revision to the fica and retirement expenses of summer learning at GMS & GES.

Entry #1 dated 6/30/21 “Beginning Balances”

Entry #2 dated 10/27/21 “Beginning Balance Corrections”

Entry #3 dated 10/27/21 “Esser II Activities”

On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted to approve the October budget entries as shown in the memo to the Board dated October 28, 2021. The vote was 5-0-2 with Michelle Heyman and Johnna McKenna abstaining from the vote.

Policies – First Reading:

JFA – R - Technical Assistance Advisory – Residency

JLCK – Special Physical Health Needs of Students

JLD – School Guidance Programs and Services

JLDBA – Behavior Management and Intervention

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Policies – Second Reading

JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities – The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

JIA – Student Due Process Rights – The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

JIC – Student Conduct – The Board voted unanimously to replace this policy with sample policy JIC on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process - The Board voted unanimously to approve on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

JICI-R – Modification of a Weapons Expulsion - The Board voted unanimously to approve on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

BGAA – Policy Development, Adoption and Review - The Board voted unanimously to approve on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Kyle Sanborn.

BGA- Policy Development System - The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

BGA-P – Policy Development Procedures - The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

BGE – Policy Dissemination - The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

BAAA – School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures - The Board voted unanimously to approve on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session.

Katie Bryant commented that the State COVID 19 dashboard is not correct. She also stated that she hopes the communication with parents will continue.

There being no further comments, Chair Gandini closed public comment.

Non-Public Session

At 7:08 p.m., on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (c). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Gretchen Gandini, yes; Audra Kelly, yes; Kyle Sanborn, yes; Karen Thurston, yes; Michelle Heyman, yes; Johnna McKenna, yes.

At 7:36 p.m., the Board came out of non-public session. On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted 5-0 to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Karen Thurston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Sanborn
School Board Secretary