

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
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The Gilford School Board held a meeting on December 6, 2021 in the Gilford High School Auditorium. Present were Board members Gretchen Gandini, Jeanin Onos, Kyle Sanborn, Audra Kelly and Karen Thurston. Gilmanton representatives were Johnna McKenna and Michelle Heyman. Administrators present were Superintendent Beitler, Amie Leigh, Danielle Bolduc, Peter Sawyer, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a 7-0 vote.

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote. Johnna McKenna and Michelle Heyman abstained from the vote.

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting. Karen Thurston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a 7-0 vote.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session. Several Gilford and Gilmanton residents commented on the mask policy. A parent from Friends of Belmont Football, as well as four students, asked the Board to consider extending the MOU with Shaker Regional an extra year so the four students who are sophomores can play in their senior year.

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintended Beitler recommended that the first inclement weather day would be a traditional snow day. No remote work and no school for students and teachers including school year support staff. For inclement weather days following the first traditional snow day, he recommend that the instructional day be from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with recess and lunch break from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Teachers would be available for office hours from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued. Superintendent Beitler stated the NH Department of Education no longer recognizes Blizzard Bags. Students must have instruction. If there is an ice storm or wide spread power outages we would have a traditional snow day.

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Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the proposed plan with the first snow day being a traditional snow day. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion passed with a 5-2 vote. Kyle Sanborn and Audra Kelly were the opposing votes.

Superintendent Beitler shared the 2022-2023 draft school calendar.

After brief discussion, Karen Thurston motioned to accept the proposed calendar. Kyle Sanborn seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Beitler shared a letter from the Shaker Regional School District Superintendent, Michael Tursi. The Shaker Regional School Board is requesting that the Gilford School Board consider a modification to the withdrawal from the football MOU. The Shaker Regional School Board would like the Gilford School Board to consider extending the MOU one more year, through the 2023-2024 school year to allow the four sophomores currently playing football to complete their high school football career.

Gretchen Gandini stated that the Board's decision was based on Gilford moving to a lower division. Rick Acquilano stated that he has petitioned the NHIAA which is still in process. Karen Thurston inquired if we are denied, can the four players remain for their senior year. Gretchen Gandini suggested writing a letter to the NHIAA from the Board. The Board paused the decision pending the response from NHIAA.

Superintendent Beitler shared a document outlining COVID 19 mitigation strategies for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the following

- Clarification on calendar vs school days.
- If we see the same spike as before Thanksgiving, should we go universal masking till Christmas.
- We almost had the National Guard come to help with substituting.
- Gilmanton's plan is similar.
- Nobody wants remote learning.
- Vaccines are readily available for those who want it.
- There are exceptions for masks with a doctor's note.

Superintendent Beitler stated that we would like the principals to have the ability to respond and give them the authority to react.

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the plan for GES using targeting masking when there is a cluster of three related cases in a classroom and universal masking when there are 14 positive cases school wide or three unrelated cluster in the building. Masking will last for 14 calendar days from identification of the cluster. Karen Thurston seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-2 vote. Kyle Sanborn and Audra Kelly were the opposing votes.

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Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the plan for GMS using targeting masking when there is a cluster of three related cases in a classroom and universal masking when there are 14 positive cases school wide or 3 unrelated clusters in the building. Masking will last for 14 calendar days from identification of the cluster. If a student is masked due to targeted masking of their grade level, the student will be required to use a mask during co-curricular activities and athletics. Karen Thurston seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-2 vote. Kyle Sanborn and Audra Kelly were the opposing votes.

Jeanin Onos motioned to approve the plan for GHS for universal masking when there are 14 cases or three unrelated COVID-19 clusters in the building lasting for 14 calendar days from the last identified case. Karen Thurston seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-2 vote. Kyle Sanborn and Audra Kelly were the opposing votes.

Principals' Reports

Danielle Bolduc, Peter Sawyer and Anthony Sperazzo submitted their reports as written.

Business Administrator Report

Amie Leigh updated the Board on the software conversion and audit and shared a draft of the revenue budget.

November Budget Entries

Amie Leigh shared the November budget entries as follows:

- Budget Entries 1-3 –were approved at the November Meeting
- Budget Entries 4-13 – for the December Meeting were as follows:
- Entry #4 – Entering the 21-22 Title 1 grant for initial reduced allocation from the DOE. Grant was approved in September so the budget entry is dated for September.
- Entry #5 – Small remaining balance of the 19-20 Title IVA Grant from the opening balances in July.
- Entry #6 – IDEA approved Budgeted for 21-23 Grant. Approved in August. Entry dated August.
- Entry #7 – To move general fund budget money from custodial supplies to cover the emergency repairs for the bleacher motors within the HS budget.
- Entry #8 – Adjusting the 19-20 Title IIA grant for revised approved activities. Approved August. Entry dated August.
- Entry #9 – Title II Activity change as approved by DOE.
- Entry #10 – To move general fund budget money from remaining balance of Property & Liability Insurance to cover overspent Legal budget line.
- Entry #11 – Title II Activity change as approved by DOE.
- Entry #12 – Title I grant 21-22 Budget with final allocation as approved by DOE.
- Entry #13 – Revenue Budget Revised based on review with Department of Revenue & Town of Gilford

On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted to approve the budget entries with a 5-0-2 vote. Michelle Heyman and Johnna McKenna abstained from the vote.

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Policies – First Reading:

JHCA – Senior Privilege

EEA – Student Transportation Services

EEAE – School Bus Safety Program

EEAED-R – Student Transportation Services

EEAE-R – Safety Guidelines for Parents/Guardians of Students Using School Buses

EEAEA – Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing – School Bus Drivers

EEAEC/JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses

EEAEC-P – JICC-R – School Bus Conduct Rules

Policies – Second Reading:

JFA – R - Technical Assistance Advisory – Residency – The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini.

JLCK – Special Physical Health Needs of Students – The Board voted unanimously replace this policy with sample policy JLCK on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Kyle Sanborn.

JLD – School Guidance Programs and Services - The Board voted unanimously replace this policy with sample policy JLD on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Kyle Sanborn.

JLDBA – Behavior Management and Intervention – The Board voted unanimously to reaffirm this policy on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini.

Public Comment

Chair Gandini opened the public comment session. Several residents from Gilford and Gilmanton commented on the updated mask policy. There being no further comments, Chair Gandini closed public comment.

Non-Public Session

At 9:08 p.m., on a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini, 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; Jeanin Onos, yes; Audra Kelly, yes; Kyle Sanborn, yes; Karen Thurston, yes; Michelle Heyman, yes; Johnna McKenna, yes.

At 9:31 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 unanimously to seal the minutes from the 7:12 session of the November 1, 2021 meeting. On a motion by Jeanin Onos and a second by Gretchen Gandini, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Sanborn
School Board Secretary