

**Minutes to Goshen-Lempster School Board Meeting
Wednesday September 1, 2010**

Attendance: Jim Grenier (Chair), John Scranton (V.Chair), Heather Rousseau, Laurie Wilkinson, Michele Munson (Superintendent), Ralph Peterson (Principal), Tim Koumrian (Director of Student Services), Also Present was Susan Carpenter

Called to order at 6:32pm

Motion to accept agenda made by Laurie and second by Heather. Unanimous.

Minutes: 08-11-10 minutes – changes; page 1 last paragraph – change “signed the agreement” to “agreed to have Jim sign the agreement.” Page 2 - **Principal’s Report** – remove apostrophe on the word “parent’s”. Page 2 - Second **August Meeting Date** - add the word “way” to seventh line, “all the way through.” Change the last sentence to, “...Ralph said that we **are in the planning stages to start...**” Page 2 - **Special Education Director Report** - add this sentence to paragraph, “Tim outlined the four different places students will be. “

Motion made by Heather to accept minutes with changes. Second by John. Jim, John, and Heather voted yes, Laurie abstained.

Jim wanted to recognize both Marianne Dennis for her service at the “Back to School” picnic and John Scranton for all his work to improve the school building and school grounds.

Recognition of Service Award: Thank-you cards were signed for Dennis, James and Darcie for all the work they did at the school over the summer.

Public Participation: Susan Carpenter asked about the status of the bridge on Cross Rd. in Goshen. John replied that Sen. O’Dell expedited approval to build the bridge, but the Engineering study recommended an additional \$40,000 to replace the bridge. Mr. Carroll was supposed to replace the bridge for less, but the Engineering Firm says that it can not be done. Susan wanted to make sure that if and when the bridge is replaced, the bus will be able to cross it. John will check with the town.

Michele wanted to go over the minutes for the August 24th meeting. Change the spelling of Penny Trabek to Penny Trabka. Minutes were tabled until Korrie was present.

Superintendents Report: See handout. Michele talked about the State Legislature performing the School Board’s job in policy making. There is talk in changing the step policy. The District is spending a lot of money in unemployment costs. LGC has offered provide unemployment insurance which could include investigation of claims. **Motion** made by Heather to pay LGC up to \$4685.25 for unemployment insurance for the 2010-2011 school year. Second by John. Unanimous

Principals Report: See handout. Newport Middle School does not have enough students for its soccer team. They may combine with GL and have Mr. Hamel be the coach. Laurie asked about NECAP review. Mr. Peterson replied that the students are reviewing during their Flex Period and that the teachers will be given the NH Standards. John asked if the students were given homework. Mr. Peterson replied that the first day of school is typically used to instruct the students in proper behavior, getting acquainted with the schedule, etc. He will follow up on this concern.

Special Education Report: See handout.

Gymnasium Dedication: Jim spoke about dedicating the Gymnasium to Mr. Cragin who has recently passed away. Mr. Cragin supported the school and education as a resident in Lempster. Administration will work on this dedication.

Policy:

BA-R Discussed if this should be done individually or as a group. Motion to adopt the second reading by John. Second by Heather. Unanimous

BCB Motion to adopt second reading by Heather. Second by John. Unanimous

BEB Motion to adopt second reading by Heather. Second by John. Unanimous

Policy JE and KB were passed out. First reading will be at next meeting.

Michele mentioned that Heidi is training for “Parents as Teachers” program. She also noted that the District has five new High School students.

Other Items: Jim recommended we change this to “Items for Next Meeting”. Board agreed. Laurie and Jim will do negotiations again this year. John had a few items:

1. Would the Board like free training from the State School Board. The Board would like information on the Labor Law and information on Harassment/Bullying for students and teachers.
2. The law conference will be held on October 12th. Jim, John, and Michele will attend.
3. Will a staff member attend our Board meetings? Administration will follow up on this and hopefully someone will attend the next meeting.
4. What can the Board do to help Administration? Ralph feels that the Board has been very helpful so far.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27pm by Laurie. Second by Heather. Unanimous