

**Draft Minutes Goshen-Lempster School Board
Tuesday March 1, 2011**

Attendance: Jim Grenier, John Scranton, Laurie Wilkinson (arrived at 7pm), Korrie Goodspeed, Michele Munson, Ralph Peterson, Tim Koumrian **Absent:** Heather Rousseau

Call to Order/Minutes/Agenda Revision: **J. Grenier**

- The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:33 pm.
- The minutes of 2-16-11 meeting were amended under 'Annual Meeting' to read;
'It was discussed about the possibility of amending Article 4 at the district meeting. Regarding the fuel tank special article, future options will be provided in April.'

Motion by Korrie, second by John, to accept with the changes. All in favor
The agenda was accepted as presented. All in favor.

Public Participation: Deferred until Policy Reading

Superintendents Report: **M. Munson**

See handout.

- Unless there are additional snow days, the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 21, and the last day for teachers will be Wednesday, June 22
- An attempt will be made to coordinate school calendars among area schools
- The Evergreen provision was reviewed and updated, it is still unclear if this will be signed by the Governor
- Michelle met with Josh Gogne of Northeast Masonry regarding water damage on the gym walls and numerous options were suggested. The walls are structurally sound, although visually disturbing. Roof repairs should be completed this summer, with interior walls being painted after the walls dry out. Estimates will be sought.

Principals Report: **R. Peterson**

See handout.

- Parents are being notified if their children are in danger of failing, letters have been sent home
- A date for the 8th grade graduation needs to be set, a letter will be sent home to those parents
- The library roof is leaking, there is a good amount of heat being lost, it could be due to the water/tube heating (thawing and freezing) of the system under the inside roof ridgeline
- Ralph provided a chart showing a comparison of the NECAP scores for the years 2005 and 2010. Both the reading and math scores showed an increase in the percentage of proficient students for the year 2010 over

2005. Also provided was a comparison of the Fall and Winter NWEA scores compared with the National Winter NWEA norms. Goshen-Lempster students scored above the National gains in both Reading and Math!

Special Services Report:

T. Koumrian

See handout.

- Evaluations of the paraprofessionals has been completed
- The first Parent Information night will be held on Wednesday, March 23. This is for parents of students with disabilities to discuss parent/district communication

John stated that there appears to be lots remediation, is there any enrichment? Tim answered that they both are components of the program.

John also asked about the Mistacres Program and that program will be re-evaluated.

The board agreed that the students need to be challenged.

Ralph pointed out that students with higher lexile levels are reading books above their class reading groups.

Laurie asked about starting an algebra class to help those students entering high school.

The Virtual Learning Academy was discussed. This is a program that is free to all students and is something that could be implemented.

Policy

- **First Reading-IJOAA-R 8th Grade Class Trip**
M.Munson/R.Peterson

Under public participation: Susan Carpenter and her son were asked to share their input on the policy. They would like to see more organization to the fundraising (for trips) that has been done in the past. They also suggested giving any leftover funds from the 8th grade class to the 7th grade class instead of the kindergarten class.

Ralph suggested having 5/6 grade & 7/8 grade advisors, with a possible stipend position for fundraising. Planning for the 8th grade trip begins in 5th grade.

It is preferable by Ralph and the board that a school day/curriculum based trip works to the benefit of the students.

- **Second Reading-IJOA-Policy** Motion by Korrie/John- All in favor
- **Second Reading-IJOA-R Field Trip Procedure** Motion by Laurie/John- All in favor
- **Second Reading-IHBAA & IHBAAA-Suspected Disability** Motion by Laurie/Korrie-All in favor
- **Second Reading-JRA-Student Records & Access** Motion by Korrie/Laurie to accept with the changes-All in favor

Jim suggested that the board members be given a list of policies, along with a table of contents to be used with their notebooks. Michele stated that this is being worked on with updates made to the website, as well.

Annual District Meeting

J.Grenier

A motion was made by Korrie, seconded by Laurie, to amend Article 4 of the budget by \$25K, due to high school tuition changed, at the district meeting. All in favor.

Review on which board members will present each article.

Understanding by Design-Goals & Program Outline M.Munson

Michele provided a handout on UBD and reviewed the program. Understanding by Design emphasizes the use of a backward design process to develop instruction. Rather than beginning the planning process with activities, materials, or textbook content, backward design begins with identifying the desired long-term results sought.

Presentation of the Manifests:

- The manifests were presented to those board members present

The next meeting will be held on 3-16-11

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:51 pm by Korrie, second by John. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichty
Recording Secretary

Policy~First Reading

- **IJOA-Field trip (procedure)** **M. Munson/ R. Peterson**
- **IJOA-R-out of town/overnight/multi school day field trip (policy)** ”

There was discussion regarding fund raising efforts for these trips, when are they started, at what point is the trip decided upon. What should the ratio of chaperones to students be? Should additional specifics be added for 8th grade trips versus general field trips? Staff accompanied trips are preferred by Ralph and he also suggests 3 day-2 night trips with educational components. If the trip happens during the school day it is ‘school controlled’.

Motion by Laurie, second by John to accept first reading on **IJOA-R**. All in favor.

- **IJOA-deferred until March meeting.**
- **IHBAA-Evaluation req. for children with suspected disabilities** **T. Koumrian**
- **IHBAAA-Specific Learning Disability** **T. Koumrian**

A motion was made by Laurie, second by John to accept the first reading on the above policies. All in favor.

- **JRA-Student Records and Access** **T. Koumrian**

Motion by Laurie, second by Korrie to accept first reading with changes presented. All in favor.

Policy~Second Reading

- **KB-Title 1 Parent Involvement in Education**

Motion by Laurie, second by Korrie to accept second reading. All in favor.

Annual Meeting:

J. Grenier

Discussion was held regarding the annual meeting and it was decided to amend Article 4 by \$25,000 due to recent tuition changes.

It was decided to, in April, ask a variety of fuel companies to come in and assess the boiler/heating system to provide options for the future.

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- The manifests were presented to those board members present

Other:

- The board would like to recognize and applaud the hard work that the staff does on a continuing basis.
- The board would like to extend their appreciation to Gary Dennis, for his volunteer work with the Alternative program. His cheerful manner and 'fix-it' instruction are a big help to the students.

Items for the Next Meeting:

- Finalize district meeting details
- Review 'Understanding by Design' goals and implementation
- Update on Mistacres program
- Review NWEA and NECAP scores and how these scores are utilized by staff

The next meeting will be held on 3-1-11 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50pm by John, second by Laurie.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichty
Recording Secretary