

**Draft Minutes Goshen-Lempster School Board
Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

Attendance: Jim Grenier, John Scranton, Laurie Wilkinson, Korrie Goodspeed, Heather Rousseau, Michele Munson, Ralph Peterson, Tim Koumrian, Gary & Marianne Dennis, Clark Wamsley, Todd & Ann Stetson, Janine ? and Susan Carpenter

Call to Order/Minutes/Agenda Revision:

J. Grenier

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chair Jim Grenier
- The agenda was revised to state-No Policy Reading tonight. Motion by Korrie, second by Laurie. All in favor.
- The minutes of 11-2-10 & 11-17-10 were accepted as written. Motion by Laurie second by Heather. All in favor.
- The minutes of 12-1-10 were accepted as written. Motion by Laurie second by John. Korrie abstained.

Public Participation:

S. Carpenter

- A.** The public participation involved a presentation of the proposed 8th grade class trip itinerary. The presentation includes 18 adults and 19 students, with costs broken down and each student being asked for a \$25 deposit. After lengthy discussion it was agreed by the board that there be;
1. An educational component included
 2. A certification of insurance for drivers of no less than 300K
 3. Required seatbelts
 4. Current background checks for adult chaperones/parents
 5. A licensed medical person must be present on the trip.

A motion was made by Heather, second by Korrie to accept these requirements. All in favor.

- B.** The chairman of the Goshen Selectboard, Clark Wamsley, was present on behalf of a resident who is concerned that the bus does not pass on Messer Road in Goshen. He was informed that a 2008 Safety Inspection, performed by a State Police Safety Inspector, deemed that Messer Road is unsafe for school bus travel.

School Lunch Program Presentation/Report

M. Dennis

Marianne Dennis provided a report of the school lunch program which compares the 2009/2010 school year to the 2010/2011 school year. There is a noticeable increase in free meals with a decrease in reduced meals. It was noted that while some students are eligible for free/reduced meals they do not always take advantage of this option. It is hard to predict why this is happening.

For most of the food the US Food Service is the provider with additional food being requested from the limited, Excess Commodities List, the US Commodities Group and Opportunity buys. Shipping costs for these foods are additional. Fresh produce and cereal is purchased locally. The dishwasher cleaner costs \$1200 annually.

Laurie asked if a shorter lunch time (30 down to 20 minutes) is having an effect on the students choosing to bring lunch or buy. Marianne is unclear if this is the case. Staff

lunches are down as well. However, the computer program is working well and easing previous difficulties with tracking lunches and costs.

Superintendents Report:

M. Munson

See handout.

1. Michelle reviewed the 2009/2010 School Board goals and the progress on each item to date. This was detailed in a handout to the board.
2. A 'Parent's Right to Know' handout to the parents was reviewed regarding the 'Highly Qualified Teacher' status. The two teachers that do not have that status will be qualified soon.
3. Another letter has been sent to parents to inform them that if their child is eligible for free or reduced lunches that they are also eligible for free supplemental educational services.

Laurie asked for the auditor's report and was informed it was still being worked on, as is the student activity account. She also would like to have the dates in place (ASAP) for the March Town Meetings.

Principals Report:

R. Peterson

See handout.

1. Ralph reviewed his report with further details of the implementation of the literacy program. He states that the staff is excited and supportive.
2. There will be a Summer Reading Academy starting to provide 'catch up' between grade levels during the summer.

Special Education Report:

T. Koumrian

See handout.

1. Tim reviewed his report, which included the Child Find Process to identify young children who may need services through Early Intervention.
2. There are professional development workshops being planned for the Spring, to include assistive technology, effective decision making for the use of assistive technology and the various free and inexpensive technology available
3. Tim also handed out an informative breakdown of the current use of paraprofessionals and explained to the board the need for such professionals to remain on staff to further increase literacy and provide intervention.

Second Budget Review:

M. Munson

1. It was decided that one more budget meeting is necessary and will take place on January 11, 2011.

Presentation of the Manifests:

M. Munson

The manifests were presented and reviewed

Items for the Next Meeting:

- Policy for overnight trips, graduation policy, special education policy
- School Board Association items review
- Safety Committee

Other:

A motion was made by Laurie, seconded by Korrie to make the board aware of any staffing changes that have been made since the prior meeting. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm made by John, seconded by Laurie. All in favor.

Moved to non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a-e)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichty
Recording Secretary