

**Minutes to Goshen-Lempster School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

Attendance: Jim Grenier (Chair), John Scranton (V.Chair), Heather Rousseau, Laurie Wilkinson, Korrie Goodspeed, Michele Munson (Superintendent), Ralph Peterson (Principal)

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chair Jim Grenier

Monthly School Presentation:

Teresa Quinn

The monthly school presentation was given by Teresa Quinn, Alternative Education instructor. Teresa discussed a pilot program she has started this month. She usually has two full time students, one student with a 1/1 assistant and 5-6 additional students who come in for various programs. All of the students have behavioral issues, cognitive difficulties, emotional issues, dyslexia and most have multiple labels.

~She gives the students multiple sensory experiences. One of the things she has started has been a school wide recycling program, which provides a good community service and allows them some physical activity. This has been well received by the school and by her students and other students within the school. Green recycle bins were acquired and the recycling is stored in the outside shed until enough is collected to make a trip to the Lempster transfer station. There are multiple recycling programs within the state, one of them called Team Earth. The state is attempting to reach a 40% recycling goal.

~A non working vacuum cleaner was donated and the children had the chance to repair and detail the machine. Each had a chance to take it apart and put it back together. A tool box was given to them and tools are being collected as needed. As word has been circulated, the students have other items in need of repair

Minutes: The minutes of the September 1, 2010 were reviewed. A motion was made by Heather, seconded by John to accept the minutes as read. All in favor, Korrie abstained.

Agenda Revision: A motion was made by Korrie, seconded by John to delete #1 from the agenda. All in favor.

Public Participation:

- There was a question from ? regarding the new attendance policy. This will be addressed at a later date when the policy is reviewed by the board.
- Heather Rousseau, as a PTSA rep requested that the group be allowed to have a fundraiser, in the form of a Thanksgiving raffle. The raffle is for a basket of fresh vegetables, a turkey and the fixings. Students are asked (but not required to) donate items and sell tickets. Six baskets will be made up, with 3 to be raffled and 3 for donation to the Goshen Lempster community. A motion by Korrie, seconded by Laurie to approve. All in favor, Heather abstained.
- Heather Rousseau, as a member of the county public health network, asked if the school could be used, after hours, for a disaster preparedness program. Per, Ralph, they would need to fill out a facility use form and submit it.

Superintendents Report:**M. Munson**

See handout.

- In light of the recent burglary, all of the security codes and systems will be updated.
- The LGC rep came and noted changes of <5% this year, compared with 16-18% increases last year. The procedure for making changes was reviewed. This was shared with staff on 10-5-10.
- A joint meeting with SAU #43 will be held on 10-20 or 10-21 at 6pm with a light meal and sharing of concerns.
- The tuition rate went down \$1000.
- There will be a community meeting set up to discuss the Cragin tribute.
- Laurie asked if the LGC has incentives for healthcare (reimbursements for gym membership etc). The answer is yes.
- Laurie asked if the Safety committee had met. Per Ralph, they will be meeting later this month

Principals Report:**R. Peterson**

See handout.

1. Major schedule changes with the addition of 30 minutes being added to the school day. Most grade levels have recess and then lunch.
2. NECAP testing started today, there is a 2 tiered format, snacks are provided prior to test sessions, and there are fun activities being planned for after the testing schedule each day.
3. Web2school was reviewed. All teaches are now using the program, with plans to incorporate a parent portal in the future.
4. RTI-response to academics is a program to find targeted instructional techniques. The first meeting was held on September 28.
5. Regarding the association with Mistacres School, a bank of computers is planned for the music room for students to access various programs for enrichment and intervention. The use of the computer and programs will be reviewed by staff.
6. Fall sports programs include 7-8 grade boys and girls soccer teams, a 5-6 grade co-ed soccer team and a co-ed field hockey team.

Jim asked if there is any incentive for encouraging summer school learning programs. There are numerous options that are being researched with this in mind.

Positive newspaper article introducing Ralph Peterson and showcasing the 'Teach Your Children to Read Well' program, precision teaching, that Michael Maloney recently presented at the school. www.teachyourchildrenwell.com

Special Education Report:**T. Toumrian**

See handout.

Jim asked 'when we inherit an IEP, is there a mechanism in place to reassess the need'? The answer is yes, per Ralph and Michele, the student is assessed numerous times as stated in the IEP contract.

Policy Review/Revision:

1. KE – Title 1 Parent Involvement in Education
2. JH -Attendance Policy

Ballot Clerk Payment Discussion

M. Munson

A call was received by Michelle regarding the wages of ballot clerks and if there could be an increase in the amounts paid. Currently the clerks receive \$47.25 for the day that they work. Currently, \$378 is in the budget for that purpose. Is it possible to pay the clerks \$100/day? The budget could possibly be increased; there currently are 3 clerks from each town.

LGC Unemployment Agreement

M. Munson

Snow Removal Contract Discussion

M. Munson

Discussion was held on whether the contract should be for one or more years. Korrie stated that it is cheaper to have a contract, year to year, as there is no way of knowing how much snow we'll get each winter.

Other

The Lunch Report for the month ending 9-30-10 was reviewed. It appears that there have been less free and reduced meals than last year. The numbers don't seem to add up and this will be reviewed with meal staff.

Items for Next Meeting

- Cinnamon Street after school program~Korrie
- Budget and warrant articles~Laurie
- Two meetings in November~John
- Bullying policy~Michelle

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichty
Recording secretary