

GWRSD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SAU CONFERENCE ROOM
April 18, 2024 4:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Deshaies opened the meeting at 4:34PM.

Members Present: Mr. Deshaies, Dr. Beth Sheckler, Guy Pike, James Pittman

Administration Present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes

Also Present: Tom Bickford

Motion: To nominate Mr. Deshaies as Team Leader for the Buildings & Maintenance Committee.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **Second:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Deshaies, abstain

AGENDA REVIEW

No discussion.

WOLFEBORO IMPACT FEES

Discussion included the receipt of a letter from the Town of Wolfeboro in response to the District's offer of reimbursement for one half of the amount requested by the town. Ms. O'Blenes explained the history of the impact fees as submitted to the District by the Town of Wolfeboro. She recommends that the District seek the approval of any action by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Education (Finance Department) and the District Auditors. The committee supports this recommendation.

SCHOOLCARE

Ms. O'Blenes shared that there is a possibility that the Town of Wolfeboro may approach the District to join the District's healthcare plan.

FREEDOM TUITION REQUEST

Superintendent Arakelian shared that the Freedom School District has requested a tuition proposal for the 2024-2025 school year for 54 students in grades 7 through 12 (13 middle school and 41 high school). Discussion included the suggested tuition rate, Special Education cost responsibility and transportation.

Motion: To recommend to the full Board that the District enter a tuition agreement with the Freedom School District to accept students in grades 7 through 12 at the current GWRSD middle school and high school tuition rates as the cost per pupil, and that the Freedom School District bears all Special Education and transportation costs.

Moved: Dr. Sheckler – **Second:** Mr. Pike

Vote: Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

OTHER BUSINESS

The Middleton tuition and SAU services agreements are due to begin negotiating. Also, SAU 101, Wakefield, has approached the district to update their tuition agreement.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - 4:30pm

ADJOURN

Motion: At 5:51 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Mr. Pittman – **Second:** Mr. Pike

Vote: Mr. Pike, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katharine T. Hazace".

School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: **05/06/2024**