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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES September 14, 2010

The meeting was held simultaneous with a regular meeting of the Gill-Montague Regional School District.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Present:</u> John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: All others present were assumed to be part of the School Committee meeting.

<u>Capital Improvement Planning Committee:</u> Jane Oakes, a School Committee representative who lives in Gill, volunteered to serve as its rep to the Town's newly forming C.I.P.C.

Education Jobs Funding: Carl Ladd, GMRSD Superintendent, reported the district has received a net gain of \$280,251, split between further increases to the one-time Education Jobs stimulus funding and reductions to the one-time Stabilization funding. According to the stated purpose of the Education Jobs program, the funds should be used to retain or re-hire employees, or to hire new employees. DESE, which has financial oversight of the District, has informed the Superintendent that they will not support using this extra funding to reduce assessments or hiring new staff. DESE will allow the funds to be used over a two-year period to make one-time purchases for items such as textbooks and technology. Based on comments from the Committee, the Superintendent will research whether the funds can also be used for building maintenance and facility-related expenses.

It was also noted that district-wide enrollment has changed as follows:

Opening of school 2009-2010

1,106 students

End of school 2009-2010

1,073 students

Opening of school 2010-2011

1,124 students

There was no discussion or deliberation by the Selectboard, and no votes were taken.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., concurrent with the adjournment of the School Committee meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk