

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE

DECEMBER 8, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop and Alan Meyers. Bill Bloss joined the meeting in progress.

GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE – Michael Ayles, Kimberly Brockett, David Egan, Louis Federici, Ken Gamerman and Matt Hoey

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF – Thomas Forcella, Andy Potochney and Linda Trudeau.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Gamerman stated that he was encouraged that Dr. Forcella was establishing goals for the District and looking for creative ways to meet them in the 2009-10 Budget. Dr. Forcella detailed the process used to build the 2009-10 Budget. Dr. Forcella noted that the District has made gains in the areas of professional development and technology in the past three years. Dr. Forcella detailed the collaboration that the District is doing with Madison. Madison's program for autistic children was discussed.

A discussion of staffing and offering an Early Retirement Program was held. Capital projects and possible projects for bonding were discussed. A discussion of the building project for a new high school was held. The impact of contractual items, such as salaries, benefits and transportation, were also discussed. The State's funding of the Excess Cost and Educational Cost Sharing grants were discussed.

The next joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of Finance was scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Guilford High School.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
Accounting Manager