

Minutes
April 26, 2010
Board of Education Workshop
Guilford Lakes Elementary School

Board Members Present: Bill Bloss, Alan Meyers, Sue Renner, Ted Zuse, Keith Bishop, Mary Beeman, Barbara Dudley, John Ireland, and Chris Moore

Administrators Present: Tom Forcella, Anne Keene

Others: Linda Trudeau

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Keith Bishop, to add agenda items to (1) Consider Next Steps on Proposals for Legal Services, (2) Act on Grievance by a Member of the Custodian's Union, and to amend Discuss Timelines for GHS Project to Discuss for Possible Action Timeline for GHS Project. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Next Steps on Proposals for Legal Services

Linda Trudeau, Accounting Manager, reported that Guilford Public Schools received six proposals for legal services. Mr. Bloss suggested that the Board designate a subcommittee to review the proposals and bring a recommendation to the full Board. Subcommittee members will be Bill Bloss, Alan Meyers, and Sue Renner. Ms. Trudeau will arrange for copies of the proposals to be sent to the subcommittee. There was no deadline indicated in the RFP.

3. Receive for Possible Action: Recommendation from GHS RRQ/RFP Selection Committee for Selection of Architect for the GHS Schematic

John Ireland expressed gratitude to the GHS RFQ/RFP Selection Committee for Selection of Architect for the GHS Schematic Design and gave a brief overview of the process to date. Thirteen architectural firms submitted initial responses to the RFQ, and the selection committee determined that nine of the firms had successfully completed responses and were forwarded a questionnaire. Four finalists were selected to provide proposals for the design. Members of the selection committee and BOE representatives visited schools recently designed by the finalists, and all members of the selection committee interviewed the four candidates on April 7 and 8. The selection committee determined that two of the firms could be eliminated from the proposal stage and two would be asked to return for a second interview. The Board of Education accepted the recommendation and planned the final interviews with SLAM Collaborative and Tai Soo Kim for Wednesday, April 28 beginning at 5:30 in the Baldwin Middle School Library. Mr. Bloss asked that Cliff Gurnham forward the proposals from the two finalists to Board of Education Members.

4. Discuss for Possible Action Timelines for GHS Project

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Keith Bishop, to make a request of the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance to schedule a referendum as soon as practicable for the funding of the schematic designs for a new Guilford High School in an amount to be determined by the BOS/BOF but not to exceed \$546,276. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Act on Grievance

Upon a motion made by Alan Meyers and seconded by Keith Bishop, the Board voted eight in favor of rejecting the grievance with regard to contract provisions 4.7 and 5.0 submitted to the Board of Education by the custodial/maintenance bargaining union. Mr. Zuse abstained from the vote as he was not present during the executive session.

6. Professional Development / Use of Time

Dr. Forcella introduced a workshop on effective professional development and its connection to Guilford Public Schools' mission and vision.

Dr. Keene shared current professional development staff participation data and described Continuing Education Unit requirements for teacher certification. Board members asked to be updated on the new Teacher Evaluation and Mentoring (TEAM) process currently being developed by all Connecticut school districts. The attributes of embedding professional development in teacher work, focusing it on student and teacher needs, collaborating with others, and sustaining professional development over time will be supported in the coaching model that Guilford will begin implementing during the 2010-2011 school year.

Dr. Forcella reminded the Board that the district will continue to evaluate all professional development initiatives and direct additional support to new staff. He also shared the article "More Time, More Learning" from the April 2010 edition of *Educational Leadership*.

Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Keene
Assistant Superintendent