

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005
BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

Board of Education Chairwoman Whelan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board of Education members present: Keith Bishop, William Bloss, Kathleen Nolan, James Ralls and Sandra Whelan. William Dwyer and Cynthia Cartier joined the community meeting in progress. George Goens of Goens/Esparó was also present. Approximately 75 members of the public, administrators and staff members were present.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bloss and seconded by Mrs. Nolan, the Board voted to add an Executive Session for Personnel to the agenda.

The community meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Dr. Goens summarized the search process, timelines and stated the BOE interviewed 12 out of over 40 candidates. Dr. Goens then presented Dr. Tom Forcella, candidate for Guilford's Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Forcella introduced himself, and gave his background. He then responded to various questions from the public for an hour. Members of the audience were asked to provide written feedback on the candidate. Dr. Goens complimented the Board members on their thoroughness, professionalism, and persistence throughout the search process.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Dr. Goens was invited to join the Board in Executive Session to present the feedback from the administrative team meeting held earlier in the day and the community input from the question and answer session. Dr. Forcella was invited to join the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Upon a motion made Mr. Bloss and seconded by Ms. Cartier, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, the Board voted unanimously to add ACT ON Appointment of Superintendent of Schools to the agenda.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, the Board voted unanimously to offer a 3 year contract of employment for Superintendent of Schools between Dr. Tom Forcella and the Guilford Board of Education as discussed in Executive Session and with a mutually agreed upon starting date.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Bloss, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Interim Superintendent of Schools