

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005
MELISSA JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Whelan called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Board of Education members present were Richard Beatty, Keith Bishop, William Bloss, Cynthia Cartier, William Dwyer, Kathleen Nolan, James Ralls and Sandra Whelan. Also present were Anne Keene and Andy Potochney.

2. Convene to Subcommittee Work Sessions

Policy Committee: Notes from the Policy Subcommittee taken by Dr. Keene. Present: William Bloss, Cynthia Cartier, William Dwyer, Anne Keene

- The subcommittee discussed the viability of Education Reference Group (ERG) structure for input to the State Department of Education. Dr. Keene reviewed the criteria for the ERG designations and reviewed the tentative changes in the ERG structure. The commissioner of education will discuss the ERG structure at the January State BOE meeting.
- The subcommittee discussed components for the development of a new wellness policy. Dr. Keene distributed guidelines from the State Department of Education.
- A policy review chart will be maintained. Committee members agreed to identify specific policies to be considered for review.

Finance Committee: Notes from Finance Subcommittee taken by Andy Potochney. Present: Richard Beatty, Keith Bishop, Andy Potochney, Kathleen Nolan, James Ralls, Sandra Whelan.

- The subcommittee discussed the budget development timeline revisions. The timeline will be posted on the district's web site.
- The subcommittee discussed planning a meeting for public input on the 2006-07 budget. The meeting will be held on November 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. just prior to the Board's regularly scheduled working committee meeting. The meeting will be publicized by the following avenues: on the district's web site, press releases to the newspapers, on GCTV, included in the next parent list serv, posters in school buildings and announced at the November 14th BOE meeting.

No action was taken at either subcommittee meeting.

The subcommittees reconvened to the full Board for a report of the working sessions.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Interim Superintendent of Schools