

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE BUDGET FORUM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007  
ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL, GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Board of Education members present were Bill Bloss, Keith Bishop, Cynthia Cartier, Barbara Dudley, Kathleen Nolan, and Ted Zuse. Administrators present were Tom Forcella and Anne Keene. Also present was School Business Administrator Andy Potochney and Accounting Manager Linda Trudeau.

Chairman Bloss discussed the Budget Process and the importance of input from the public. He spoke about the Excess Cost Grant and invited members of the audience to address the Board.

Lisa Fiala addressed the Board about the importance of funding professional development for staff and the continued expansion of the World Language program in the elementary schools.

Claire Murdock stated that she would prefer to make any comment on the Budget after she has had a chance to review a draft.

Linda Sanacora spoke in support of World Language, the need to focus on school facilities and the need for teachers to continue to be outside at recess. She stated that children want this time to be able to visit with their teachers outside of the classroom.

Suzanne Carlson spoke in support of Professional Learning Communities and the importance of allocating time for teachers to meet and collaborate. She also spoke about the importance of professional development for teachers.

Dr. Forcella supplied a timeline for the 2007-2008 Budget Process and reviewed the Budget meetings to date including time spent with his District Leadership Team.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Zuse and seconded by Mrs. Cartier the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri L. Hahn  
Clerk to the Board of Education