

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007
LATHROP HOUSE, 55 PARK STREET
GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – INTERVIEW POTENTIAL BOE APPLICANTS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Board of Education members present were Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, William Bloss, Barbara Dudley, Louis Iorio, Alan Meyers, Kathy Nolan and Ted Zuse. Chairman Bloss outlined the purpose of the meeting, to interview and appoint a member of the Board of Education for the seat vacated by the resignation of Cynthia Cartier, and the procedure to be followed in light of the absence of a specific procedure contained in state statutes or the town charter. Chairman Bloss stated that the Board's process would be guided by, and comply with to the extent that they governed, state statutes, the town charter, and past practice. Specifically, the Board will allow public comments in support of a candidate, then conduct interviews of each candidate. The interviews will be in executive session unless the applicant requests that they be in public session, consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and past Board practice. Deliberations will be solely in executive session, consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and past practice. All votes on the candidates will be in public session. Chairman Bloss requested comments on this procedure and none were offered. Chairman Bloss asked the five applicants for the vacant board position to identify themselves, and they did so: John Ireland, Douglas Newman, Linda Sanacora, Robert vander Wiede, and Todd Williams.

2. Public Comments

Members of the public offered the following statements of support:

Cynthia Cartier in support of Linda Sanacora
Terry O'Hara in support of Linda Sanacora
Diana Colcord in support of Douglas Newman
Lisa Levadia in support of Linda Sanacora

3. Interviews

The order of interviews was determined randomly.

The Board interviewed the following candidates in public session, as they requested: Todd Williams, Robert vander Wiede, Douglas Newman.

Upon motion by Dr. Iorio, seconded by Dr. Meyers, the Board voted (8-0) to enter executive session for the purpose of remaining interviews, at the request of the remaining candidates.

The Board interviewed the remaining candidates, John Ireland and Linda Sanacora, in executive session.

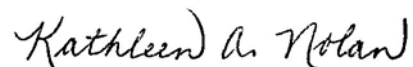
Upon motion by Dr. Iorio, seconded by Dr. Meyers, the Board voted (8-0) to return to public session. At this time additional members of the public were present, and they were asked if they wished to comment on the candidates. James O'Keefe and Kimberly Brockett made statements

of support for Linda Sanacora. Chairman Bloss made brief comments regarding further procedure that would be followed. Upon motion by Mrs. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Zuse, the Board voted (8-0) to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment.

At 11:50 p.m., upon motion by Dr. Meyers, seconded by Dr. Iorio, the Board voted (8-0) to return to public session.

At 11:50 p.m., upon motion by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mrs. Nolan, the Board voted (8-0) to recess for the evening and continue the meeting, including deliberations, on December 18, 2007, starting at 8:00 p.m., at 55 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen A. Nolan".

Kathleen Nolan
Secretary, Guilford Board of Education