

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007
LATHROP HOUSE, 55 PARK STREET
GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTINUED FROM DECEMBER 17, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bloss called the meeting to order at 8:05 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.

2. Public Session

Consideration of question of reopening interviews. Dr. Meyers moved, Kathy Nolan seconded, to reopen interviews in light of a concern raised by a member of the public (with the comment that they were doing so in order to allow discussion).

Mr. Zuse and Dr. Meyers stated that they believed that the questions to individual candidates generally were appropriate. Mrs. Beeman agreed. Mrs. Nolan noted that the Board did have a set list of questions when interviewing superintendent candidates, but this was not the same as the Board had some knowledge of some of the candidates. Chairman Bloss noted that the process to be followed was announced publicly before the interviews started on December 17, public comments were received thereafter, and no candidate or member of the public raised any concerns with it. Further, he noted that after the process no candidate raised a concern.

Mr. Zuse suggested that the Policy Committee should consider drawing up a formal policy on this issue. In response to a suggestion that candidates should be excluded from the interviews of other candidates who chose to be interviewed in public session, Chairman Bloss stated that he had significant concerns about the legal ability of the Board to exclude applicants from the public interviews of other applicants in light of the Freedom of Information Act. The motion failed by an 8-0 vote.

3. Executive Session

Mrs. Beeman moved to go into executive session, seconded by Dr. Meyers, for the purpose of further discussions about the applicants. The motion carried (8-0).

The Board adjourned from executive session at 10:05 p.m. and returned to public session. The Board did not make a decision regarding appointing the ninth Board member. Dr. Meyers moved, Dr. Iorio seconded, to continue the Executive Session to another date to be determined after January 1. The motion carried (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Nolan

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