

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
JANUARY 15, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – Barbara Dudley, Alan Meyers, Mary Beeman and Linda Sanacora. William Bloss and Ted Zuse joined the meeting in progress.

GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE – Kimberly Brockett, David Egan and Louis Federici. Ken Gamerman joined the meeting in progress.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF – Thomas Forcella, Andy Potochney and Linda Trudeau

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Forcella detailed the budget process of the Board of Education. Dr. Forcella listed the budget priorities as Technology, Professional Development, Facilities, Professional Learning Communities and Instructional Supplies and Textbooks. Dr. Forcella also discussed the World Language program and the development of a Local Assessment System.

The increasing costs of the Special Education program was discussed. Also discussed was the increase in the number of students with autism. Options for providing for the needs of the Special Education students were discussed.

The increase in the Certified Salaries line item was discussed. Discussions of enrollment, sharing services with neighboring districts and the State mandate for In-School Suspension was also held.

The proposed budget for Capital was discussed. The HVAC project at Adams Middle School and the roof replacement at A. W. Cox Elementary School, which are requested as a possible Bond Package, were discussed. The increase in the utility line items and was to reduce costs were discussed.

Dr. Forcella stated that the Board of Education has not discussed the budget at this time. He noted that Board of Education would be meeting with the Leadership Team on January 23rd and that there will be two Public Forums on the budget on January 28 and 29, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
Accounting Manager