

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 28, 2008
Workshop Meeting
Guilford Lakes Elementary School

Board Members Present: Bill Bloss, Lou Iorio, Alan Meyers, Ted Zuse,
Keith Bishop, Barbara Dudley, Mary Beeman,
Kathy Nolan, Linda Sanacora

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Tom Forcella, Kevin Mitchell

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Cliff Gurnham, director of operations/facilities presented the specifications for the partial roof replacement at Adams Middle School and Guilford high School in accordance with the ED042 application. Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mary Beeman to approve the specifications and plans for local review as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Potochney presented the budget reductions to the 2008-09 budget.

Barbara Solomon, coordinator of the Guilford Youth Mentoring Program, presented an overview of the program. The number of mentors has grown from 12 in 1999 to over 150 in 2008. The mentoring program has also been expanded to all seven schools in Guilford. Mentors in attendance included Margaret Livingston, Sandra Whelan, Joe Goldberg, Suzanne Carlson, Barbara Casey, Rich Corcoran, and district liaison Marilyn Sturgess.

Kevin Mitchell presented an update on Guilford Public Schools technology initiative. Laura Anderson, elementary world language teacher at Calvin Leete Elementary, demonstrated use of the SmartBoard as an interactive teaching tool. John Montanaro, social studies teacher at Baldwin Middle School, demonstrated use of a wireless response system as a tool for monitoring individual student understanding. In addition to the teaching demonstrations with participation from the Board of Education, Mr. Mitchell discussed the long-term plan for technology integration in the district.

Dr. Forcella discussed the timeline for filling the Guilford High School Assistant Principal Position and requested a Board member to serve as part of the interview team.

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Ted Zuse, to adjourn at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Assistant Superintendent of Schools