

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, June 30, 2008
Workshop Meeting
Adams Middle School

1. Call to Order

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

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Tom Forcella, Rick Misenti
Others Present: Andy Potochney, Linda Trudeau

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Dr. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zuse, to add two items to the agenda: (1) Act on Budget Transfers and (2) Act on Bid for Wireless Networking Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

2. ACT ON Budget Transfers

Andy Potochney presented a recommendation for budget transfers for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$415,000. The majority of the funds would be transferred from the salary and supplies (heating) accounts to purchased services, transportation, tuition, and benefits. Based on preliminary projections, Mr. Potochney estimated that the budget could have a balance of approximately \$36,000. Dr. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nolan, to approve the transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ACT ON Bid for Wireless Networking Equipment

Linda Trudeau requested bid approval for HP Procurve wireless equipment for all four elementary schools and for Adams Middle School. Fourteen companies responded to the bid specification. Classic Networking, from Pennsylvania, submitted the lowest proposal totaling \$40,541.80. Dr. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zuse, to award the wireless equipment bid to Classic Networking.

4. ACT ON Appointment of GHS Assistant Principal

Dr. Forcella recommended the appointment of Marc Guarino as Assistant Principal of Guilford High School. Dr. Meyers asked about the appointment process, which Dr. Forcella explained pursuant to Board of Education Policy # 4116. According to Dr. Forcella, there were 55 applicants for the position, seven received first round interviews,

and two were recommended by the committee for second round interviews. Dr. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nolan, to accept Dr. Forcella's recommendation to appoint Marc Guarino Assistant Principal of Guilford High School. Severn voted in favor of the motion; one abstained (Mr. Zuse).

5. Discussion on Facility Issues

Chairperson Bloss asked Board members for input into the facilities workshop scheduled for July 7 with George Goens. Suggestions included definitive timelines, clarifying the decision-making process, identifying concerns, acquiring credible cost estimates, and the impact of a referendum on future budget planning.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nolan, to add an action item to the agenda to fund another construction estimate. Motion carried unanimously.

6. ACT ON Allocating Funds for Another Construction Estimate

Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nolan, to allocate up to \$36,000 for an independent estimate of costs related to proposed building projects including renovate as new and build new. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zuse, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Assistant Superintendent of Schools