

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009  
WORKSHOP  
FIRE HEADQUARTERS, 390 CHURCH STREET, GUILFORD, CT**

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

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Tom Forcella, Rick Misenti, Catherine Walker

Other Staff Present: Andy Potochney, Cliff Gurnham

Participants: Mauro Rubbo, Sid Gale, Doug Baldwin, Mike Mikolay, Mary Jo Kestner, Gary Gilbert, Jim O'Keefe, Teresa Buchanan, Scott Pinckney, Joe Mazza, Mike Ayles

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. ACT ON Approval to Submit Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Keith Bishop, to approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Supplement in the amount of \$745,128. Superintendent Forcella explained that the grant would provide additional technology, software, professional development, and staff services for special needs students and students needing early intervention. Dr. Meyers clarified that this was the stimulus fund grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. ACT ON Bid Approval for Hydraulic Scissor Lift**

Cliff Gurnham described the request to replace the hydraulic scissor lift. Lou Iorio made a motion, seconded by Mary Beeman, to approve the bid in the amount of \$13,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion: GHS and Adams Facilities**

Scott Pinckney provided an overview of the Adams Middle School Long Range Planning Committee and Superintendent Forcella shared a fact sheet of BOE actions and the previous timeline for the GHS building project. Given the status of the economy and the most recent referendum votes, Dr. Forcella facilitated groups of community members who had participated on facilities committees, town board members, and Board of

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Education members in a discussion to refocus the facility recommendations made previously by the Board of Education. Groups brainstormed and shared benefits and barriers to moving ahead with the original plan. Recommendations for next steps included (1) create consensus in the community; (2) solicit support from the boards of selectmen, finance, and education; (3) provide additional direction to the Adams Facility Committee; (4) pursue a referendum for the schematic plans in 2009/10.

**5. Discuss 2009-2010 Workshop Topics**

This item was tabled.

**6. Executive Session: Contract Negotiations**

No executive session was held.

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Ted Zuse, to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene  
Assistant Superintendent