

MINUTES
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 9, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Alan Meyers, Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, William Bloss, Barbara Dudley, Louis Iorio, Kathy Nolan and Linda Sanacora. Ted Zuse joined the meeting in progress.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF: Thomas Forcella, Andrew Potochney and Linda Trudeau

Dr. Meyers reviewed the financial reports for February 2009. A discussion of the use of parent's private medical insurance for services provided to special education students was held. Mrs. Trudeau stated that she spoke with Dr. Brett, the Director of Pupil Services, who said that legally Pupil Services cannot require the parents to use their private insurance. Mr. Potochney stated that he would follow up with the attorney regarding the legality of requesting the use of private insurance. Dr. Meyers noted that payments to Shoreline Security, buy-on-line and the Town of Guilford for the Board of Education share of medical insurance were made in February. Mrs. Trudeau stated that the payment to Project Genesis was for transitional services for a special education student that will be graduating.

Mrs. Trudeau stated that five grants had been received from the Guilford Fund for Education totaling \$6,365.00. Four of the grants were under \$1,000.00 and that per the Board's policy were accepted by Dr. Forcella. The other grant is for \$4,000.00 for smart Music at Adams. Mrs. Trudeau noted that the grant would purchase software that would allow the students to practice along with accompaniment. Mrs. Trudeau stated the Board would be asked to accept the donation at the regular meeting.

The Annual Audit Reports were discussed. Mr. Bishop noted that there were inconsistencies within the report. Mr. Potochney requested that Mr. Bishop contact him to discuss his concerns.

Dr. Meyers noted that the Board of Finance approved the Education Budget as it was presented to them with a 3.46% increase. A discussion of how to inform the public of the proposed budget was held.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Meyers the Board voted unanimously to add an executive session to the agenda for contract discussions. Mr. Bloss invited Mr. Potochney and Mrs. Trudeau to join the Board in executive session. Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mrs. Nolan the Board unanimously to adjourn from executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau