

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE

JANUARY 12, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – Bill Bloss, John Ireland, Alan Meyers, Susan Renner and Ted Zuse. Barbara Dudley joined the meeting in progress.

GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE – Michael Ayles, Kimberly Brockett, David Egan, Louis Federici and Ken Gamerman

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF – Thomas Forcella and Linda Trudeau.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Dr. Meyers stated that the Board of Education received the 2010-11 Budget at their meeting last night. Dr. Forcella stated that the Budget is a 2.80% increase over the current year Budget and that the Budget included staff reductions and staff reallocations across all areas including administration, teachers, paraprofessionals, maintenance and clerical. Dr. Forcella noted that the focus of the Budget was to maintain class sizes and instructional improvement. Dr. Forcella added that the building budgets are 25 to 40% below the current budget and that the reductions are equivalent to \$250,000 in savings.

The elimination of two Special Education Coordinator positions and the creation of coaching positions that will focus on instructional improvement were discussed. A discussion of the reduction of maintenance personnel was also held. Dr. Forcella noted that he has discussed the proposed budget with each of the bargaining units and will discuss with employees soon. A discussion of the proposed staff reductions and changes was held. The proposed Budget for Special Education Transportation, Material and Supplies, and Textbooks were discussed. The reduction to the Technology Plan and the use of ARRA funds for technology was discussed.

The Proposed Bonding of the roof replacement at Lakes and the replacement of the fire alarms were discussed. The inclusion of the removal of the Cox oil tank and gas line installation in the proposed bonding package was also discussed.

Dr. Forcella discussed the Board's decision not to apply for the Race to the Top funds from the State of Connecticut. Mr. Bloss discussed legislation that would require the District to pay for students to attend Charter Schools. The status of the RFQ for schematic drawings for Guilford High School was also discussed.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mr. Zuse the subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
Accounting Manager