

**Minutes**  
**October 25, 2010**  
**Board of Education Workshop**  
**Baldwin Middle School**

Board Members Present: Bill Bloss, Alan Meyers, Keith Bishop, Sue Renner, John Ireland, Mary Beeman, Ted Zuse, Barbara Dudley, Chris Moore

Administrators Present: Tom Forcella, Anne Keene, Merry Leventhal, Nancy Bishop, Michael Biddle, Paula McCarthy, Anne Snurkowski, Catherine Walker, Rick Misenti, Pat Brett, Chip Dorwin

Others Present: Linda Trudeau, Cliff Gurnham, Kevin Mitchill

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Discussion with District Leadership Team: 2011-2012 Budget Priorities**

Mr. Bloss led a discussion with members of the District Leadership Team regarding priorities for the 2011-2012 budget. Maintaining teaching staff in buildings was the top priority from principals. Additional budget priorities presented for consideration included the following:

- Support current class sizes, particularly in grades K-2
- Continue the literacy coaching professional development model
- Increase technology speed through switch upgrades
- Consider adding ARRA-funded special education coordinator into the general budget
- Add office paraprofessional at Cox and Leete so there is continuous office coverage

Kevin Mitchill stated that his first priority would be to replace outdated desktop computers. He also discussed the need for additional technology support staff who could also focus on technology integration into the curriculum.

The facilities subcommittee is working on a long-term needs plan in response to principals' questions about building upgrades. Based on preliminary information from state government officials, there is considerable uncertainty of state funding for 2011-2012. Principals expressed concern over additional decreases in materials and equipment since these areas were cut for the 2010-2011 budget.

**3. Discuss GHS Facilities Project**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was generated after the October 6 meetings with architects. Dr. Forcella will review the proposals and distribute them to the facilities subcommittee. The subcommittee will make a recommendation regarding next steps on Guilford High School facility improvements to the full Board of Education on November 8, 2010.

**3. Executive Session**

Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Chris Moore, to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss three items: (1) Legal Issue, (2) Negotiations, and (3) the Superintendent's Evaluation.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:50 p.m. Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene