

Guilford Board of Education
Finance Subcommittee Meeting
Guilford High School, 605 New England Road, Guilford, CT
Monday, November 8, 2010

BOE Members Present: Keith Bishop, Bill Bloss, Barbara Dudley, John Ireland, Alan Meyers, and Susan Renner

BOE Staff Present: Thomas Forcella, Andy Potochney, and Linda Trudeau

Ted Zuse joined the meeting in progress.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dr. Meyers.

1. Review of Monthly Reports

Mr. Ireland reviewed the monthly reports and noted no unusual expenses. He also reported that October was a 3 payroll period month. It was also noted that transportation expenses were down.

Mrs. Renner asked about our diesel arrangement with East River Energy. It was explained that by purchasing diesel fuel from East River we are able to obtain it tax free, where as if bought through the bid consortium it would be a taxable purchase.

Mr. Potochney discussed special education tuition expenses stating that it may exceed the budgeted amount. This is based on current outplacements, estimated changes and the anticipated reduction of the excess cost reimbursement from the State of Connecticut. He added that the reimbursement level may be around 75% this year.

2. Update on Medical Benefits Account

Mr. Potochney will forward the report to the subcommittee once it's received.

3. Old Business

Mr. Ireland discussed the Regional Energy Contract with regard to oil for the district. The subcommittee decided it was worthwhile to research the program further by talking with Glen Weston-Murphy, East River Energy and Source One. This item will be added to the November 22, Facilities Subcommittee Agenda.

Mr. Potochney will get final costs for the accreditation visit. He noted that Mr. Misenti's estimate was around \$25,000.

Dr. Forcella reported that the Jobs Funding Grant would remain on hold as it could be utilized this year or next.

4. New Business

Mrs. Dudley asked the subcommittee is anyone was interested in attending the Delegate Assembly meeting and it was decided that she would represent the Guilford BOE.

Mr. Ireland asked if the subcommittee's position regarding funding for architectural services at GHS remained the same. Both Mrs. Renner and Dr. Meyers expressed concerns with other budget areas possibly being overspent. Mr. Zuse said he was comfortable spending more money up front and perhaps getting that savings back further into the project. The subcommittee discussed rejecting all 3 bids and revising the scope of the RFP. The work required prior to the deadline of June 30, 2010, is a concern to the membership. Dr. Forcella suggested funds could be saved by the architects holding fewer public forums. The discussion was tabled until the BOE meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. after a motion was made by Mrs. Renner and seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Del Gobbo