

Minutes
Monday, June 28, 2010
Board of Education Workshop
Calvin Leete Elementary School

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

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Tom Forcella, Nancy Bishop

Others Present: Linda Trudeau, Cliff Gurnham

1. Call to Order

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

2. Discussion with Insurance Consultant

The discussion with the insurance consultant will be postponed until a later date. The meeting may be posted for an executive session since insurance benefits will be related to negotiations.

3. Receive for Possible Action

3.1 Bid for Boiler Cleaning and Burner Turning, Cleaning, and Calibrating

Linda Trudeau presented the bids for boiler cleaning and burner tuning, cleaning, and calibrating at all schools; seven sealed bids were submitted. Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to award the bid to SK Mechanical of Manchester, CT, the low bid, for \$7,428. Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Bid for Repair and Resurfacing of the Track at GHS

Ms. Trudeau presented the bids for repair and resurfacing of the track at Guilford High School; three base bids were submitted. The low bidder was Dalton Track & Tennis of Cheshire, CT. Alternate bids were submitted to clean and seal areas at the east side of the track and to resurface areas between the end of the field and the track. Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Keith Bishop, to award Dalton Track and Tennis for the base bid and the two alternates for a total of \$45,475. Motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Bid for Trash and Recycling Services

Ms. Trudeau presented the bid for trash and recycling services; only one bid was submitted by All Waste of Hartford for \$50,602. The district is currently paying \$59,211. There was some discussion since there was only one bid; however, standard bid posting

in the New Haven Register and on the state website were followed. John Ireland suggested the limited bid response may be attributed to the requirement for single stream recycling. Mr. Ireland made a motion, seconded by Chris Moore, to accept the bid from All Waste of Hartford for \$50,602. Motion carried with seven in favor, one opposed, and one abstention.

4. Discuss GHS Facilities Project

Chairperson Bloss facilitated a roundtable discussion with board members on the failed referendum for schematic designs for Guilford High School. Board members shared their reactions to the referendum and suggested next steps. Mr. Bloss summarized the discussion as follows: (1) acquire conceptual estimates; (2) collect data on options including a broad range of alternatives to reuse some of the existing space; (3) design process for getting further input from the community on timelines and costs. The Board directed Dr. Forcella to recommend a specific direction for the Board for review with regard to next steps for the GHS facility.

Ted Zuse made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to add a discussion and vote for a survey proposal regarding the high school facility project to the agenda. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Action On a Survey Proposal Regarding the GHS Project

Barbara Dudley made a motion, seconded by Ted Zuse, to direct Chris Moore in conjunction with the superintendent, to design a survey proposal with affiliated cost data to be presented in the community. John Ireland suggested that there was insufficient data available to prepare a survey. Three votes were in favor and five were opposed to the motion. Chairperson Bloss did not vote. The motion failed.

6. Discuss Goals for 2010-11

Dr. Forcella distributed a draft of goals for the 2010-2011 school year. In response to the ASSET survey, a new goal had been discussed and was proposed by the District Leadership Team to reflect school climate and culture. The three proposed goals were as follows:

1. Academic rigor and persistent effort will be present in every school as evidenced by the successful implementation of the Principles of Learning identified through Learning Walks.
2. All students will be engaged in a guaranteed and viable curriculum through quality differentiated instruction and will achieve at high levels as measured by summative, formative, and benchmark assessments.
3. Our schools will be safe and caring places for learning by committing to building positive relationships within the school environment and throughout the community as measured by periodic reports and survey data.

Dr. Forcella stated that some of the wording may be adjusted but the intent would reflect the three broad goals.

7. Executive Session

Barbara Dudley made a motion, seconded by Mary Beeman, to go into executive session for the Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board returned to public session at 9:45 p.m. and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Assistant Superintendent