

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

JANUARY 20, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – Bill Bloss, Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, Barbara Dudley, John Ireland, Chris Moore, Susan Renner and Ted Zuse.

GUILFORD BOARD OF FINANCE – Kimberly Brockett, David Egan and Ken Gamerman. Louis Federici, Jim O’Keefe. Michael Ayles and Matt Hoey joined the meeting in progress.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF – Thomas Forcella, Andy Potochney and Linda Trudeau.

The meeting was called to order at 6: 00 p.m.

Mr. Bloss stated that the big number in the 2011-12 Proposed Budget is the cost of Medical Insurance. Mr. Bloss stated that the Board of Education met with the Principals last week and that their budgets are the bare minimum that they feel they can get by with. Dr. Forcella noted that the Proposed Budget includes staff reductions of 3.1 FTE and that the reductions are .2 FTE here and .2 FTE there. Dr. Forcella added that the Autism Program was not included in the Proposed Budget and that if anything were to be added to the budget it would be for supplies and not for that program. Dr. Forcella discussed the Autism Program and the possibility of receiving a grant for the startup costs. A discussion of Special Education Funding was held. The Special Education Transportation budget was discussed. The budgets for Social Security and Workers Compensation were also discussed.

The Capital Projects for Proposed Bonding were discussed and Mr. Ireland noted that the projects do not include any roof replacements. Mr. Ireland added that the budget for Site Improvements remained at \$200,000 and that in prior years some of these funds were used for emergency repairs. The High School project was discussed and Dr. Forcella stated that the plan is to have cost estimate made public prior to the budget referendum.

A discussion of future budgets and the impact of salary increases were held.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mrs. Renner the subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
Accounting Manager