

Minutes
June 27, 2011
Board of Education
A. W. Cox Elementary School

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

Administrators Present: Tom Forcella, Anne Keene

Others Present: Linda Trudeau, Cliff Gurnham
Jennifer Scroggins (*Guilford Courier*)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Update on Filing of ED049 for GHS Project

Director of Facilities Cliff Gurnham reported that the ED049 for the GHS Building Project was filed on June 24, 2011, and was confirmed received by Connecticut State Department of Education on June 27, 2011. A core building committee will be appointed by the selectmen; there may be additional subcommittees for specific components of the project. To date, twenty-three people have applied to be on the building committee.

3. Appoint Interim Superintendent of Schools

Chairman Bloss expressed the Board's gratitude to outgoing Superintendent Tom Forcella, stating that through his leadership, Guilford Public Schools were in a better place. Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Alan Meyers, to appoint Assistant Superintendent Anne Keene Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2011, while the Board continues the search process for a new superintendent of schools. Dr. Keene will work at her regular salary during July and August, and the Board will purchase some of her vacation days. Additional compensation beginning September 1, 2011, will be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of A.W. Cox Elementary School Principal

Superintendent Forcella introduced Vincent Agostine, current principal in Sterling, CT, as his recommendation for principal of A. W. Cox Elementary School. Keith Bishop made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to approve the appointment of Mr. Agostine. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Moore asked for clarification of the hiring process for administrators. Dr. Forcella explained the process as regulated in the Guilford Public Schools Policy and Procedures Manual #4116.

5. Special Education Services Review

Alan Meyers explained that a committee made up of Sue Renner, himself, Keith Bishop, and Accounting Manager Linda Trudeau were interviewing two organizations to conduct a special education program review based on the recent requests for proposals. Due to a delay in the interview process, Dr. Meyers requested that the item be tabled until the August Board meeting. The timeline for the review would also be moved to allow for the start of school with a completion date of December 2011. Dr. Keene explained that the process could begin sometime after September 1 for the file review to be followed by focus groups and interviews.

6. Executive Session

Sue Renner made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, the superintendent search, and the superintendent review at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:50. John Ireland made a motion, seconded by Sue Renner, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene