

MINUTES
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM
SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION

JANUARY 13, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION: William Bloss, Keith Bishop, Barbara Dudley and Sue Renner. Ted Zuse joined the meeting in progress.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM: High School / Athletics & Pupil Services portion – Richard Misenti and Chip Dorwin. Middle School portion - Anne Snurkowski and Catherine Walker. Elementary Schools portion - Nancy Bishop and Paula McCarthy. Technology portion – Kevin Mitchill. Facilities Portion – Cliff Gurnham.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF: Thomas Forcella, Anne Keene and Linda Trudeau.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Dr. Forcella detailed the staff reductions for Guilford High School. Mr. Misenti stated that the increase in the 2011-12 Budget is primarily due to an increase in textbooks. The Professional Development, Building Administration and Equipment accounts were discussed. Mr. Misenti discussed the participation in the Business Technology, World Languages and Economic classes. Mr. Dorwin stated that the athletic program is status quo. Mr. Dorwin noted that the increase in coaches is due to contractual increases and not additional coaches. Pay for Play and advertising on the fields were discussed. The use of gate receipts for capital improvements was discussed.

Mrs. Walker stated that the original request for textbooks for Adams included Social Studies books but those will not be purchased until the 2012-13 Budget. The equipment priority of Library furniture and equipments for Adams was discussed. The staffing needs and class sizes of Adams and Baldwin was discussed. Mrs. Snurkowski stated that the staff reduction of .5 FTE at Baldwin will reduce the World Language of the 6th grade students to twice a cycle. The textbook and supplies accounts for Adams and Baldwin were discussed. Mrs. Snurkowski noted that the District purchases some materials, such as the Foss kits, for Baldwin.

Mrs. Bishop stated that Leete is getting by with the materials and supplies that they have. Dr. Forcella stated that one teacher from Cox will move to Jones to meet the staffing needs of the schools. Class sizes at Jones and Leete were discussed. The World Language program in the Elementary Schools was also discussed. A discussion of the use of Recess Aides was held.

Mr. Mitchill detailed the 2011-12 Technology Budget request. The History of the Technology Lease was and the plan for equipment purchases in 2011-12 was discussed. Mr. Mitchill stated that every classroom in the elementary schools has a Smart Board. A discussion of grants for technology was held. The replacement of computer labs with

mobile labs was discussed. The use of technology by the teachers was also discussed. Mr. Gurnham detailed the 2011-12 Facilities Budget request. The possibility of the Town monitoring the security systems of the District was reviewed. Irrigation and Workers Compensation were discussed. The projects included in the proposed bonding package were discussed.

Discussions were also held regarding the Autism Program, the supply budgets for all the schools, the use of Para educators and the Literacy Coaches.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mrs. Dudley the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
Accounting Manager