

Minutes  
May 23, 2011  
Board of Education  
Baldwin Middle School

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

Administrators Present: Tom Forcella, Anne Keene

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**2. RECEIVE for POSSIBLE ACTION: Request to Waive the Bid for the Technology Lease**

Linda Trudeau presented the five-year technology lease to be entered into for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$250,000. The lowest proposed rate of 2.0285% was submitted by J. P. Morgan Chase. A total of three proposals had been submitted; however, if the bid process were waived, the purchases could be made prior to the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. The details of the proposed lease purchases are listed in the approved budget, including infrastructure improvements.

John Ireland made a motion, seconded by Chris Moore, to waive the bid process for the technology lease. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. RECEIVE for POSSIBLE ACTION: Resolution on Technology Lease**

John Ireland made a motion, seconded by Alan Meyers, to award the technology lease to J.P. Morgan Chase Bank at the rate of 2.0285%. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. DISCUSS Timeline for Building-Related Projects Approved at April's Referendum**

Mr. Ireland described the plans for 2011 facility improvements for energy, health/safety, and classroom upgrades including phone system improvements, bathroom renovations, and cafeteria floor replacements. Mr. Ireland would supply specific details by the next meeting for bathroom renovations. During 2011, the project design and engineering components for window projects at Cox and Jones would be completed. There was further discussion on the feasibility design for energy conservation in four schools and design specifications for the replacement of the cooling tower. Other projects include fire alarm systems to be upgraded in three schools for 2011 and upgrades in three schools for

2012. The Board discussed the cafeteria flooring needs across the district; Cox and Adams flooring would require asbestos abatement.

John Ireland made a motion, seconded by Alan Meyers, to request that the Standing Building Committee prioritize the replacement of Adams and Cox cafeteria floors as expeditiously as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. DISCUSS GHS Referendum**

Chairman Bloss asked for questions regarding the June 14<sup>th</sup> referendum. Board members discussed timelines for letters to the editor and discussed the progress of the community tours of Guilford High School.

**6. ACT ON Request from Board of Selectmen for Representative to Land Acquisition Committee**

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to reappoint Keith Bishop as Board of Education representative to the Land Acquisition Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Executive Session**

Sue Renner made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:40 p.m. John Ireland made a motion, seconded by Sue Renner, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene