

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
ADDRESS THE HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL (MODULARS) CLOSURE**

DATE: March 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Greenwich High School Auditorium

PRESENT:

Board: Mrs. Nancy Weissler, Chairman
Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Steven B. Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Michael C. Bodson
Dr. Susan S. Ellis
Mrs. Marianna Ponns Cohen
Mr. Jonathan Cohen
Ms. Natalie Queen

Administration:

Dr. Betty J. Sternberg, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Kathleen Greider, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Susan Wallerstein, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. John Curtin, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Ellen Flanagan, Director, Human Resources
Ms. Kim Eves, Director, Communications
Mr. Richard Calcavecchio, Director of Budget
Mr. Anthony Byrne, Director of Facilities

Other: An attendance list is on file in the Board office.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Weissler at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Weissler gave an overview of the mold conditions at Hamilton Avenue School (Modulars) that were discovered on Friday, February 29, 2008 and investigated over the weekend. Mr. Charles Schwartz, the environmental engineer hired by the Board, gave the specifics about the testing procedures, interpretation of the results, and next steps.

Dr. Sternberg provided further detail about the exact steps taken to identify and qualify the extent of the mold conditions and the decision to close the school so that further testing could take place and that

students and staff would not be exposed to potentially hazardous situations. Dr. Sternberg provided details regarding the recommended relocation plan of the Hamilton Avenue students.

At this point, the floor was opened to speakers.

The following people spoke at the Public Hearing:

Mr. Peter Tesei
Mrs. Julie Faryniarz
Mrs. Cathy Delehanty
Mr. Ralph Mayo
Mrs. Nancy McCarthy
Mrs. Laura DiBella
Mr. Sylvester Pecora
Mrs. Mina Bibeault
Mrs. Megan Darling
Mrs. Donna Fiorito
Mrs. Meagan McCloud
Alexander Villanueva
Mr. Tom Conelius
Mrs. Catherine Fiorito-Brunetti
Rose Furano and Dawn Nethercott
Dr. James Sabetta
Mrs. Lisa Horsch
Mrs. Tina Monik
Mr. Shawn Turpin
Mrs. Jennifer Tice
Mr. Gene DeMarco
Mrs. Johnna Ortoli
Mr. Robert Harris
Mrs. Lisa Jamison
Mr. Vin DeMartis
Mrs. Amanda Perna
Mrs. Annette Combs
Mrs. Patricia Contreras
Mr. Jim Conti
Mr. Robert O'Neill
Mr. Ron Harris
Mrs. Tina Biela
Mrs. Thomasina Lettera
Mrs. Gina DeMartis
Mrs. Annette Combs

Dr. Sternberg told attendees that update reports and environmental test results would be posted to the website and that full transportation schedules would be

sent out by Thursday, March 6th. She advised that comments and questions should be emailed to Kim_Eves@greenwich.k12.ct.us for proper attention. She also advised that the telephone number for Hamilton Avenue main office / Principal's office, would remain the same during this transitional period.

Mrs. Weissler summarized the discussion, and upon motion duly made by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Ms. Queen, the Board voted 8-0 to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven B. Anderson
Secretary