

## WORK SESSION OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Western Middle School

**PRESENT:**

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

**Administration:**

Dr. Betty J. Sternberg, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Kathleen Greider, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Susan Wallerstein, Asst. Superintendent, Business  
Operations  
Mr. John Curtin, Asst. Superintendent  
Mr. Chris Winters, Director, Curriculum & Professional Learning  
Ms. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Kim Eves, Director, Communications  
Dr. Ellen Flanagan, Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Anthony Byrne, Director of Facilities

**Other:** Representatives from the community, the press, staff, consultants and interested parties

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Weissler, Chairman at 7:04 p.m.

Mrs. Weissler stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Hamilton Avenue/Glenville School relocation options, including an update on the Hamilton Avenue modulars .

Dr. Sternberg gave an overview of considerations centered on the usage of the Western Greenwich Civic Center (WGCC) and the possibility of remediating the modulars. A chart was provided indicating the pros and cons of each alternative.

Mr. Brunetti of Pecora Brothers gave an update on cost estimates for both WGCC and remediated modulars. The importance of the timeline (ready for school opening in

August) was stressed by Mrs. Moriarty, the chairman of the Special Committee on Facilities.

Numerous additional relocation possibilities were discussed. Particular focus was on the timeline of getting various approvals through Town departments, timeline impacts from possible appeals of any of these approvals, drainage, the loss of town playing field space, impact on host schools, core space, administrative time, specials and traffic flow.

Regarding renovating the Hamilton Avenue modulars, Mr. Brunetti reviewed his findings after his detailed inspection. He stated that we should expect renovation to take 3-4 months, with the possibility of cutting that timeframe down to 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 months using an accelerated schedule. He indicated that they need three weeks to develop plans and three weeks to bid and give contracts. He stated that timing was very tight with either option.

Mr. Sharf of Navigant Consulting then provided a tentative and preliminary review of his findings as it pertains to the possible causes of mold at the modulars.

Mr. Brown of Hygenics then provided an environmental update and discussed possible methods to prevent a recurrence of mold. It was his recommendation that, if we do remediate the modulars, there should be quarterly testing on air quality.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Moriarty and seconded by Dr. Ellis to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed                      MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Cohen to eliminate all relocation options with the exception of 5 & 7 in Column 1 and 13 & 14 in Column 2.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed                      MOTION CARRIED

The consultants were asked to continue to further refine their reports and cost estimates for the Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Ponns Cohen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven B. Anderson  
Secretary