

## WORK SESSION OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** January 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Havemeyer Building

**PRESENT:**

**Board:** Mr. Steven B. Anderson, Chairman  
Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jonathan Cohen  
Mrs. Marianna Ponns Cohen  
Ms. Nancy Kail  
Ms. Natalie Queen  
Mr. Peter Sherr

**Absent:** Mr. Michael Bodson

**Administration:**

Dr. Sidney Freund, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Susan Wallerstein, Asst. Supt, Business  
Ms. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. John Curtin, Special Projects Manager  
Ms. Kim Eves, Director, Communications

**Other:** Mrs. Sue Rogers, President, PTA Council; Ms. Cathy Delehanty, GEA President; Mrs. Camille Broderick, GHS PTA; Mrs. Dana Evans, Old Greenwich PTA; Mrs. Kerrie Steele Rubin, North Street PTA; and Mr. Ken Borsuk, Greenwich Post. An attendance list is on file in the Board of Education office.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Anderson, Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Queen and seconded by Mr. Sherr to approve the revised Agenda.

VOTE: 7 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **Action on Revision to 2010-2011 Budget Resolution**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Ms. Queen to approve the revision to the 2010-2011 Budget Resolution.

VOTE: 7 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **Capital Improvement Plan Update**

Dr. Wallerstein and Dr. Freund presented the Board with an update on the First Selectman's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee process. The CIP Committee has ranked the various projects for the Town and the Schools and members are now discussing the rankings. Dr. Wallerstein advised that, according to the BET Budget Guidelines, it is expected that about \$50 million of capital projects can be funded. GHS Music Instructional Space and Auditorium (MISA) project was ranked #16 and does not fall within the spending level. If the project is not funded by the BET or RTM, then all proposed projects can be funded within the \$50 million level. The Board discussed BOE capital projects, specifically removal of modulars, the North Mianus Project, lighting at Central Middle School, bathroom renovations, asbestos removal and North Street School traffic plan improvements. The Board discussed the interrelationship of the Town's Animal Control Center project and the North Street School project, including the expectation that it was to be funded from the capital authorization for the animal control center. The Board will collect the background information and further investigate. Dr. Wallerstein indicated that the BOE Capital Plan will be back on the January 21<sup>st</sup> agenda to talk about the plan going forward in preparation for the CIP Committee Public Hearing on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **First Reading, Monitoring Report E-003, Writing**

Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, Program Coordinator for Reading and Language Arts, and Mr. Rich Alessi, Program Administrator for Social Studies/History, grades 9-12, presented the Writing Monitoring Report. The report described the improvement in 2009 standardized test scores at almost every academic level, including CAPT scores reflecting five year highs. They advised that they found the CAPT Saturday classes have proven to be successful for those targeted students. Data teams are evaluating all

trends, both positive trends to identify successful strategies and negative trends to develop more targeted programs. Student assistance teams are in place for consistent under-performing students. Current district efforts for additional improvements are focused on curriculum, assessments, instruction and collaborative decision making.

**Review of 2009-2010 Agenda Plan**

The Board made the following charges to the Agenda Plan for 2009-2010.

1. Executive Session to discuss Negotiation Strategies at the end of the February Work Session.
2. Removal of the Science Monitoring Report from the Agenda Plan.
3. Return of the BOE Capital Plan at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.

The Executive Session planned for the end of this meeting was cancelled.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Ms. Queen to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

VOTE: 7 in favor, none opposed                      MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie B. Moriarty  
Acting Secretary