

## WORK SESSION OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** September 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Havemeyer Building

**PRESENT:**

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

**Administration:**

**Dr. Sidney Freund, Superintendent**  
Dr. Ellen Flanagan, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Susan Wallerstein, Asst. Superintendent, Business Operations  
Mr. John Curtin, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Kim Eves, Director, Communications

**Other:** Mrs. Sue Rogers, President, PTA Council; Ms. Cathy Delehanty, GEA President; Mrs. Celia Fernandez, Western Middle School; Mrs. Theresa Stanton, BOE Candidate; and Mr. Colin Gustofson, Greenwich Time. An attendance list is on file in the Board of Education office.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Weissler, Chairman at 7:07 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Moriarty to accept the revised Agenda.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**1. Update on Maintenance Shares Services Plan**

Mrs. Weissler provided an overview of the timeline of work with the Town regarding this issue. She advised that we will probably not receive a revised version of the document for another two months.

**2. Enrollment Update Including PreK Enrollment**

Mr. Curtin advised that we will probably end up with approximately 100 students over projections. By the end of day September 11, he will be able to project the numbers for next year. Dr. Freund reviewed the situation with Hamilton Avenue's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Glenville's 1<sup>st</sup> grade. There was also an extensive discussion regarding the New Lebanon class size in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He advised that the Principal made a decision to handle the fifth grade overage through a combination of classroom support, use of student pullouts (e.g., ALP) and to utilize the extra teacher allotted to the school to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade where he felt the need was greater. Dr. Freund also brought up the issue of drawing Kindergarten students to the Hamilton Avenue magnet and still maintaining a class size at 15. Many more students are coming from the Hamilton Avenue catchment area, limiting the number of spaces available for magnet students. He then advised that of the approximately 48 incremental students above projection at Glenville, 24 students will be returning from Parkway and other opt-out locations. Mrs. Moriarty suggested that we continue our past practice of keeping the BET advised of pending issues with staffing. Dr. Freund advised that Western Middle School was 20 students over while there were 20 students under projection at Eastern Middle School. He added that two teachers were placed at the high school to accommodate the 70 students above projection. In response to the success of residency checking, Mr. Curtin advised that there are 28 people still pending verification out of a group of 712 which needed to be verified. They are working with the beach card office to resolve open issues and are also sending another letter home advising that if the student's do not verify residency, it may be necessary to hold a hearing with an appropriate hearing officer.



MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mr. Anderson to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Cohen to move back into Public Session at 9:07p.m.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Queen to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Bodson  
Secretary