

BUDGET MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: November 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cos Cob School

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 Ellis
Ms. Natalie Queen

Administration:

Dr. Sidney Freund, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Ellen Flanagan, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. John Curtin, Special Projects Manager
Dr. Susan Wallerstein, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Kim Eves, Director, Communications
Mr. Richard Calcavecchio, Director of Budgets & Systems

Other:

Mrs. Sue Rogers, Mary Lou Tolette, Mrs. Christina Russell, Mrs. Kelley Moore, Mrs. Bonnie Novek, Mrs. Jennifer Meredith, Mrs. Patricia Jomo, PTA Council; Mr. Steve Walko, Board of Estimate & Taxation; Mrs. Nancy Kail, Mr. Peter Sherr, incoming Board of Education Members; Mrs. Julie Faryniarz, Mrs. Kristen Kratky, Mrs. Adriana Ospina, Mrs. Camille Broderick, Greenwich High School; Mrs. Nadine Longmuir, Cos Cob; Mrs. Trish McGuire, Principal, Julian Curtiss School; Mrs. Leonora Meyeroff, Mrs. Trisha Dalton, Julian Curtiss; Mrs. Genny Krob, Mrs. Anna Povinelli, Mrs. Cathy Delehanty, GEA; Mr. Colin Gustafson, Greenwich Time; Mr. Ken Borsuk, Greenwich Post, and other members of the public. An attendance list is on file in the Board Office.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Weissler, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Mrs. Moriarty took over temporarily to run this portion of the meeting and introduced the following speakers to honor Mrs. Nancy Weissler, Chairman and Dr. Susan Ellis, retiring Board Members.

Proclamations, citations, and gifts were presented to them by the following speakers:

Senator Scott Frantz
Mrs. Sue Rogers & Ms. Julia Faryniarz, PTA Council
Mr. David Walko and Ms. Angela Schmidt, GOSA
Ms. Cathy Delehanty, GEA
Mr. Peter Tesei, First Selectman
Mr. Michael Bodson, Board Secretary
Ms. Leslie Moriarty, Board Vice-Chairman
Dr. Sidney Freund, Superintendent of Schools

The Board moved to adjourn for a reception in honor of retiring Board Members at 7:30 p.m.

The Board moved back into session at 7:45 p.m.

2. Presentation of the 2010-2011 Superintendent's Recommended Budget

Dr. Freund delivered a detailed presentation on the budget. He indicated the proposed budget is \$131,559,261, a 4.4% increase over the 2009-2010 budget. The increase is primarily due to a slight increase in enrollment (8,863 students) increases in salaries due to contractual obligations and a slight projected increase in enrollment. The proposed budget supports the continued implementation of the District's key strategies for improvement, including professional learning for Data Teams and TEPL, Reading Workshops and Word Study Instruction, Science curriculum changes, SmartBoard installation, and the development of Capstone Projects, Transdisciplinary Units, and Curriculum Maps. The curriculum review cycle prescribes the start of the two-year review process in 2010-2011 for the Social Studies, Music and Physical Education Programs.

Mr. Anderson advised Board members that questions on the budget are due to him and Mrs. Moriarty by end of the day on Sunday, November 15th. They are due to Dr. Freund from the “bucket” teams by Tuesday, November 17th. He reminded all that the Questions and Answer document would be produced and available at the December 1st Public Hearing.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Queen and seconded by Mrs. Ponns Cohen, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to conduct a Board Orientation with new Board Members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was returned to public session at 8:39 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael C. Bodson
Secretary