

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TIME:** November 7, 2002, 7:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hamilton Avenue School

**PRESENT:**

**Board:** Mrs. Sandra N. Waters, Chairman  
Mrs. Susan M. Anderson, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Colleen Giambo, Secretary  
Mr. J. Robert Carey  
Ms. Virginia Gwynn  
Mr. William G. Kelly  
Mr. Steven H. LoParco  
Mr. Paul Toretta

**Administration:**

Dr. Herbert F. Pandiscio, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Frederick Baker, Director of Operations

**Other:**

Mrs. Lorraine Smario, President; Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, Mrs. Patte Nusbaum, Mrs. Dora Williams, PTA Council; Mrs. Joanne Zammit, President, GEA; Mr. George Von Tobel, Mrs. Kathy Derene, Mrs. Lisa Jameson, Mrs. Amy Russell, Mrs. Janice Carroll, Mrs. Catherine Cunningham, Mr. Steve Anderson, Mr. John Macri, New Lebanon School; Mr. Ivan Golden, Greenwich Time and various members of the press. An attendance list is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Waters, Chairman, at 7:35 p.m. There was a moment of silence in memory of Latoya McKenzie, who was a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Hamilton Avenue School.

### **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Ms. Colleen Morey, Program Coordinator for Health, Physical Education, & Family & Consumer Science as the 2002 Educational Leader of the Year, as selected by the Connecticut Association for Supervision and Curriculum

Development. She was selected for her work on the Project Adventure curriculum in the high school. CASD recognizes outstanding educational leaders who promote quality education in the areas of supervision, curriculum and staff development, resulting in effective learning.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Giambo and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the Minutes of September 16 and September 26, 2002.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no speakers at the Public Hearing.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS**

Mrs. Lorraine Smario, PTA Council President, thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Pandiscio for their tireless efforts in securing the new GEA contract for teachers.

Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA President, read a poem thanking all for the support and successful passing of the GEA Contract.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENT AND COMMITTEES**

#### **Board Chairman**

Mrs. Waters reported on the work of the Board members toward the successful passage of the teacher's contract, on the budget preparation and the BET guidelines, and gave a status report on the Superintendent search.

### **Curriculum Study Committee**

Ms. Gwynn reported that the Curriculum Study Committee met on October 10<sup>th</sup> and gave an overview of that meeting. The next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Havemeyer Building. They will be beginning the Theater Arts review, reviewing the schedule and format of the ALP program review, discussing the general criteria for establishing assessments, and reviewing the recommendation from the Superintendent on the elementary foreign language program.

### **Facilities Committee**

Mr. Carey reported that the Facilities Committee met on October 17<sup>th</sup> and gave an overview of that meeting. They discussed the Old Greenwich playground replacement, the educational specifications of Western Middle School, the preliminary report on Glenville School, and the preliminary report on Parkway School. They also discussed capital projects for 2003-04 and voted unanimously on a list of recommended Capital Projects to move to the full Board.

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> and received an update on the GHS Long Range Plan. The next meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> when the committee will discuss its scope and purpose.

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Kelly reported that the Policy Committee met on October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>. They have finished the 6000 series and have started the 5000 series, which are policies that address student behavior. They will also discuss the gift and transportation policies, and have asked PTA Council for input regarding these two policies. They are also discussing transportation with regard to magnet schools, safety in getting to schools, video cameras on buses, etc. The next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Pandiscio reported on the status of the elementary foreign language proposal, which will be presented at the Curriculum Study Committee Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and the status of the budget preparation.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Kelly to move the CAFE Legislative Resolutions to the end of the Information Items.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A Action on Capital Projects for 2003-2004**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Toretta to approve the Capital Projects for 2003-2004, as submitted by the Facilities Committee.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

#### **B. Action on New Courses at Greenwich High School**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the new courses at Greenwich High School.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

#### **C. Action on Course Deletions at Greenwich High School**

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Gwynn to approve the course deletions at Greenwich High School.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

#### **D. Action on Policy 6146, Instruction, Graduation Requirements**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve Policy 6146, Instruction, Graduation Requirements.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**E. Action on Policy 6146.1(a), Instruction, High School Grading/Assessment Systems**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve Policy 6146.1(a), Instruction, High School Grading Assessment Systems.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**F. Action on Approval to Raise Funds for Artificial Turf at Cardinal Stadium and to Seek Exemption From the Gift Cap**

There was much discussion about this item. Mr. DeCarlo, Athletic Director, and Mr. Baker, Director of Operations, responded to questions posed by Board Members. Board members clarified that approval of fundraising should not be construed as approval of a particular turf product, as the full Board has not yet been presented with the options or decision process for choosing turf. Mrs. Waters requested that a full-fledged presentation be given to the Board by the Facilities Committee on the safety issues and there should be public input as well. She requested that the safety issues for all types of turf be investigated before a decision on a vendor is reached.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the raising of funds for artificial turf at Cardinal Stadium and to grant exemption from the Gift Cap.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**G. Action on State Technology Infrastructure Grant**

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the state technology infrastructure grant.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. First Reading, Policy 6112, Instruction, School Day**

Other than a recommendation to make a minor change in a heading, there were no comments from the Board on the first reading of Policy 6112.

**B. First Reading, Policy 6121.1, Instruction, Equal Educational Opportunity**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6121.1.

**C. First Reading, Policy 6130, Instruction, Organizational Plan**

There was a recommendation of a minor change in grade levels on the first reading of Policy 6130.

**D. First Reading, Policy 6141.31, Instruction, ESL, English As A Second Language**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6141.31.

**E. First Reading, Policy 6144, Instruction, Controversial Issues**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6144.

**F. First Reading, Policy 6145.5, Instruction, Travel and Exchange Programs**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6145.5.

**G. First Reading, Policy 6145.51, Instruction, National Honor Society**

There was a question as to whether this policy should refer to just the high school, or should continue to refer to secondary schools. It was left as it was.

**H. First Reading, Policy 6146.2, Instruction, Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6146.2.

**I. First Reading, Policy 6161.3, Instruction, Comparability of Services**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6161.3.

**J. First Reading, Policy 6162.3, Instruction, Testing Program**

There was a question regarding the consistency of the policy with Policy 6240.

**K. First Reading, Policy 6162.31, Instruction, Test Exclusions/Adaptations**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6162.31.

**L. First Reading, Policy 6164.11, Instruction, Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol**

There were no comments on the first reading of Policy 6164.11.

**M. Summer School Report**

Mr. Ari Rothman, Summer School Principal, gave a report on the status of Summer School this past summer. This was followed by a question and answer period.

**N. Report on School Improvement Teams**

The Board had several questions on the School Improvement Team report, but since Dr. Melendez was unable to attend the meeting, this item was deferred until the next regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to refer this item to the November 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

**Action Item H. Action on CABE Legislative Resolutions**

There was a discussion regarding the Board's action on CABE Legislative Resolutions. Because of the time demands of the Superintendent search and the budget meetings, no Greenwich Board member will be able to attend the Legislative Assembly this year. Since boards must be represented in person at the Assembly, it seemed unnecessary for the Greenwich Board to take the time to discuss and vote on the Resolutions, as no one would be present to pass along the information.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Carey to defer action on the CABE Legislative Resolutions this year.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no speakers at the second Public Hearing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent Search.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Session was adjourned into Public Session at 11:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11: 47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Giambo  
Secretary