

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

**TIME:** April 24, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Riverside School

**PRESENT:**

**Board:** 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

**Absent:** Mrs. Sandra N. Waters  
Mr. Paul A. Toretta

**Administration:**

Dr. Larry Leverett, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Maria M. Melendez, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. John P. Curtin, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Frederick Baker, Director of Operations

**Other:** Mrs. Cathy Blood, Mrs. Allison Rogers, Mrs. Katey O'Leary, Mrs. Allison Kural, Ms. Johanna Brelsford, Ms. Patricia Jomo, Mrs. Margaret Harris, Mr. John Grasso, Principal, Riverside School; Mrs. Joanne Zammit, President, GEA; Mrs. Lorraine Smario, Mrs. Dora Williams, Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, Mrs. Patte Nussbaum, Mrs. Paige Davis, PTA Council; Mr. Bob Stone, BET; Mr. Claude Frank, Ms. Lisa Dempsey, Greenwich High School; Mr. Neil Ritter, Glenville 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. Anderson, Vice Chairman, at 7:35 p.m.

## **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Dr. Jeffrey Spector presented, at the Board's request, a film done by GHS Senior Gustav Lindquist for the SRO production at the High School.

Mr. Donald Rotzien, Chairman of the Distinguished Teacher Committee, introduced the Board to the Distinguished Teacher selections this year. They are:

Donna Conway – Glenville School  
Mark Epstein – Greenwich High School  
Courtney Hawes - Greenwich High School  
Brenda Macri – Cos Cob School  
Karen Riordan – Central Middle School  
Medard Thomas – Parkway School

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Giambo and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of February 27 and March 25, 2003

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no speakers at the Public Hearing.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS**

Mrs. Lorraine Smario, PTA Council President, welcomed Dr. Leverett to his first meeting, noted that the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week, and commended the Policy Committee for all they have accomplished.

Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA President, congratulated the Distinguished Teachers, discussed the 2004-2005 School Calendar, and the staff retirement party in May.

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

### **Board Chairman**

In the absence of Mrs. Waters, Board Chairman, Mrs. Anderson, Vice Chairman, read a report from Mrs. Waters discussing the how the Board arrived at the means by which the Superintendent will be evaluated, the Board's self-evaluation and the criteria for that evaluation, and the Board's support for the efforts of the Coalition for Preventing Underage Drinking.

### **Curriculum Study Committee**

Ms. Gwynn reported on the April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting, at which there was a second review of the Health objectives. The Committee will have a presentation on national trends and best practices in talented and gifted education on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Greenwich High School. At the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, there will be an update on the science curriculum. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at GHS, a public forum will be held for the purposes of gathering input from the community on the ALP program.

### **Facilities Committee**

Mr. Carey reported on the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that meeting, there were discussions on cladding at ISD, the capital improvement plan for 2005-2006, the Riverside air conditioning system, the New Lebanon air conditioning study, ongoing maintenance and the establishment of a maintenance schedule for all of the buildings, and the Western Middle School auditorium. The facilities tour has been scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the GHS Long Range Plan and indicators of success.

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Kelly reported on the April 10<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting and advised they will meet on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The 5000 series is almost complete.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Leverett thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Schools. He thanked the team of administrators/district leaders, Dr. Maria Melendez, Mr. John Curtin, Mrs. Mary Forde, Mr. Fred Baker and Mrs. Carol

DeSalvo for their assistance during his first few weeks in Greenwich. He discussed Policy 2400, the Superintendent's evaluation document and the six goal statements and outcomes to be used to measure the effectiveness of the Superintendent.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Action on Theater Arts Curriculum**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the Theater Arts Learner goal and objectives.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **B. Action on Policy 5131.6, Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by ~~Mr. Giambo~~ <sup>Mr. Giambo</sup> to approve Policy 5131.6, Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **C. Action on Policy 5141, Student Health Services**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by ~~Mr. Giambo~~ <sup>Mr. Giambo</sup> to approve Policy 5141, Student Health Services

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

### **D. Action on Policy 5141.22, Communicable/Infectious Diseases**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by ~~Mr. Giambo~~ <sup>Mr. Giambo</sup> to approve Policy 5141.22, Communicable/Infectious Diseases.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**E. Action on Policy 5142.2, Theft**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve the deletion of Policy 5142.2, Theft.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**F. Action on Policy 5145.12, Search and Seizure**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Carey to approve Policy 5145.12, Search and Seizure.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**G. Action on Policy 5140, Student Welfare & Safety**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve Policy 5140, Student Welfare & Safety.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**H. Action on Policy 3541, Pupil Transportation**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve Policy 3541, Pupil Transportation.

**AMENDMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. LoParco to add the following language to this policy:

“The responsibility of local and regional boards of education for such students is to provide transportation as is reasonable and necessary for such students. Where students attend vocational-

technical schools outside their town of residence, the sending school district is entitled to reimbursement from the state at a special rate twenty percentage points higher than regular reimbursement. Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-97. If a student is denied such reasonable and necessary transportation, his or her parents may appeal through the school accommodations hearing process set out in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-186. Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-97(d).”

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION**

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**I. Action on Tenure Recommendations**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the tenure recommendations, as submitted.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**J. Action on 2004-2005 School Calendar**

Dr. Leverett presented the Board with Options 1, 2, and 3 of the School Calendar for 2004-2005. The Board unanimously supported Option 1.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Option 1 for the 2004-2005 School Calendar.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**K. Action on Transfer of Funds**

This item was deferred to the May Meeting.

**L. Action on Revision to 2002-2003 School Calendar**

This year there were three days when school was closed due to snow, which brought the last day of school for students to Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The consensus is that student attendance will be extraordinarily low on that Monday. Therefore, it is proposed that the last day for students be Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff will continue to work through Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Giambo and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the revision to the 2002-2003 Calendar.

VOTE: 6 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. First Reading, Business Curriculum**

Mr. Claude Frank, Housemaster, Sheldon House, presented the first reading of the Greenwich High School business curriculum, including recommendations for future adjustments in the course structure, followed by a question and answer period.

**B. First Reading, Health Curriculum**

Mrs. Bea Walko, Program Coordinator for Health and Physical Education, presented the first reading of the Health curriculum, followed by a question and answer period. It was noted that the Curriculum Study Committee approved the curriculum with a 3 – 0 vote.

**C. First Reading, Policy 2400, Superintendent Evaluation**

A first reading was held on Policy 2400. It was explained that this Policy is the only Policy that the Board, in addition to approving the Policy, would also approve the regulations. They were attached to the draft policy.

The Board referred the policy back to the Policy Committee for the May meeting to review the section that relates to the evaluation of administrators.

**D. First Reading, Policy 5145.14, On Campus Recruitment**

A first reading was held on this policy. The Board referred it back to the Policy Committee for further consideration and consultation with other policies that refer to “directory information.” There was a discussion about the definition of “directory information” and how it relates to dissemination of information to outside organizations.

**E. First Reading, Policy 5145.2, Freedom of Speech/Expression**

This policy was removed from the Agenda.

**F. First Reading, Policy 5145.3, Freedom of Religion**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**G. First Reading, Policy 5145.4, Nondiscrimination**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**H. First Reading, Policy 5145.5, Sexual Harassment**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**I. First Reading, Policy 5145.51, Exploitation**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**J. First Reading, Policy 5145.6, Student Appeals Procedures**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**K. First Reading Policy 5145.7, Due Process-Special Education**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**L. First Reading Policy 5145.71, Surrogate Parent Program**

A first reading was held on this policy, which is recommended for deletion.

**M. First Reading, Policy 5145.8, Emancipation of Minors/Age of Majority**

A first reading was held on this policy.

**N. Monthly Financial Report**

Mr. Carey noted that the report indicated the resignation of 56 certified staff. He questioned why they resigned and what the results were from their exit interviews. The Board will receive more information in a report. He also inquired how much in unencumbered funds was expected to be returned by the schools to the Town at the end of the fiscal year, and whether state aid was being received as expected. Mr. Baker will get all of that information to the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no speakers at the second Public Hearing.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Giambo

Secretary