

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

TIME: October 25, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Old Greenwich School

PRESENT:

Board: Mrs. Genevieve J. Krob, Chairperson
Mrs. Susan M. Anderson, Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. Sandra N. Waters, Secretary
Mr. J. Robert Carey
Mrs. Colleen Giambo
Ms. Virginia L. Gwynn
Mr. William G. Kelly
Mr. Paul A. Toretta

Administration:

Dr. Roger J. Lulow, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Karen E. Lang, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Frederick Baker, Director of Operations
Mrs. Mary Forde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Other:

Mrs. Eve Barron, Mrs. Debbie Appelbaum, Mrs. Dora Williams, PTA Council, Mrs. Joanne Zammit, Mrs. Janess Coffina, GEA; Mrs. Barbara O'Neill, Mrs. Rita Burke, Mrs. Pam Speer, Mrs. Susan Slater, ALP Program; Mrs. Marlene Gilbert, Mrs. Lauren Yoon, Mrs. Regina Tracy-Semmes, Mrs. Carol Eisenberg, Mrs. Lisa LoParco, Mrs. Deborah Shabecoff, Mr. Neil Ritter, Glenville School; representatives from Greenwich Time and Greenwich Post. An attendance list is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Krob, Chairperson, at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Toretta to approve the minutes of August 30, September 10 and September 20, 2001.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

The following people spoke at the Public Hearing:

Mrs. Daniela Bonafede-Chhabra	Capital Projects
Mrs. Marlene Gilbert	Capital Projects-Glenville
Mrs. Meg Moscati	Capital Projects-Parkway
Mrs. Betsy Benenson	Capital Projects-North St.
Mrs. Peggy Heppelmann	GHS Gymnastics

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS

Mrs. Eve Barron, PTA Council President, thanked the Board for involving parents in the budget process, in the review and revision of curricula, in policy development and in long range and strategic planning. She was pleased with the middle school survey and looks forward to working with administrators when the results are calculated. She supported the Advanced Learning Program policy.

Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA President, spoke in support of the Advanced Learning Program policy and the middle school survey, and about the new teacher reception.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENT AND COMMITTEES

Mrs. Krob thanked everyone for the School Improvement Team report and advised the public and the Board that she will not seek re-election to the position of Chairman of the Board in November. She will continue to be a Board member.

Mrs. Waters gave an overview of the Curriculum Study Committee's meetings of October 11th and October 18th. The next meeting is November 1st in the Board Room, Havemeyer. At the next meeting, there will be discussion of the Foreign Language and Language Arts curricula.

Mr. Carey gave a report on the October 24th Facilities Committee and advised that the next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7:45 a.m. in the Staff Development Room, Havemeyer. The Committee is working on development of a prioritized capital budget.

Mrs. Anderson noted that the Long Range Planning Committee is discussing the budget and the development of a plan to cope with Greenwich High School enrollment growth. The next committee meeting will be on October 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Gwynn explained that, at its October 18th meeting, the Policy Committee discussed intramural and interscholastic athletics policies, as well as others in the 6000 series on instruction. The next meeting is November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lulow explained the development of the recommended Capital Projects budget and how priorities were determined. New Town policies and procedures dictate how projects are now assessed. School projects justified according to the new process have the best chance of being funded.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Kelly to move Information Item C., First Reading, Policy 4300, Personnel, Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs, to the Action Item agenda as Action Item D.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to move Action Item D, Action on CABA Legislative Resolutions, and take it up after the last Information Item.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

A. Action on Transfer of School Nurses fro Department of Health to Board of Education For The 2002-2003 School Year

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the transfer of school nurses from the Department of Health to the Board of Education effective upon both the start of the 2002-2003 school year and the conclusion of contract negotiations between the Board of Health and the nurses' union.

AMENDMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Toretta to amend the motion and add "and the filling of the currently vacant School Health Supervisor position.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED:
8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

B. Action on Policy 6172.1, Advanced Learning Program – Grades K-12 (Policy 9012)

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Giambo and seconded by Mr. Toretta to approve Policy 6172.1, Advanced Learning Program – Grades K-12.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

C. Action on Capital Projects for 2002-2003 (Policy 7000)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mrs. Waters to approve the listing of Capital Projects for 2002-2003.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

E. Action on Early Reading Success Competitive Grant (Policy 3280)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the Early Reading Success Competitive Grant.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

C. Action on Policy 4300, Personnel, Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs (Policy 9012)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Policy 4300, Personnel, Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. First Reading, New Courses at Greenwich High School (Policy 6240)

Dr. Elaine Bessette, Headmistress, Greenwich High School, presented for a first reading new course proposals for the upcoming school year. The Board will take action on these new courses in November. The presentation was followed by a question/answer period.

B. Report on Special Education Indicators of Success (Policy 0210a)

Mrs. Mary Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services, discussed the report and answered the questions from the Board.

D. Summer School Report (Policy 6174)

There were no questions on the Summer School Report.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Neil Ritter: Kudos to the school system for improving communications with the public, including the use of Channel 72 and the publication of the School Report.

D. Action on CABE Legislative Resolutions

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Ms. Gwynn to support CABE on all items except those that are excluded and voted separately below.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CABE on Item I.4, Public School Choice, on the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Ms. Gwynn, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Giambo, Mr. Kelly for; Mrs. Waters, Mr. Carey, Mrs. Krob, Mr. Toretta Against. MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CABE on Item I.17, Multicultural Education, on the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CABE on Item I.20, Age of School Entry, on the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Mr. Carey, Mrs. Krob, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Waters for; Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Giambo, Ms. Gwynn, Mr. Toretta against. MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CABE on Item I.21, Guidance Programs, on the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Mrs. Giambo in favor, all others Opposed MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CABE on Item I.22, Time on Task, on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: None in favor, 8 opposed MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item I.26, Public Support for Public Education, on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Gwynn, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Carey for; Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Giambo, Mr. Toretta against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item I.51, Tax Reform, on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item I.57, Binding Arbitration, on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item II.1, Local Governance of Public Education, on the Regular Calendar.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item II.4, Family Life Education, on the Regular Calendar.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item II.6, Year-round Schooling, on the Regular Calendar.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item II.8, The School Finance System, on the Regular Calendar.

VOTE: None in favor, all against MOTION FAILED

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to support CAFE on Item II.25, Teacher Tenure, on the Regular Calendar.

VOTE: Mrs. Krob in favor, all
others against

MOTION FAILED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra N. Waters
Secretary