

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

TIME: August 30, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room

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
Dr. Maria M. Melendez, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Forde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. John Spang, Assistant Director, Business
Mr. Fred Baker, Director of Operations

Other:

Mrs. Eve Barron, PTA Council, Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA;
Mr. David S. Elkind, Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, Mrs. Liz Norfleet,
Mrs. Linda LeBreton, North Street School; Mrs. Emily
Puskar, Mrs. Sally Casey, Mrs. Anita O'Sullivan, Brookridge
Association; Mr. Bill Effros, Mrs. Susan Slater, Mrs. Amy
Denton, Mrs. Janice Carroll, Mr. George Von Tobel, Mr.
David Agnew, Mrs. Alice Melly; 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 7:35 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mrs. Gwynn to approve the minutes of May 24, 2001 and June 20, 2001.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

II. PUBLIC HEARING

The following people spoke at the Public Hearing:

Mr. Rob Searle	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Sally Casey	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Emily Puskar	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Bonnie Johnson	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Pat Elsaesser	Cardinal Lights
Mr. Bill Effros	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Valeria Stauffer	Cardinal Lights
Mrs. Leslie Moriarty	Air Conditioning at North Street
Mrs. Betsy Benenson	“ “ “ “

III. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS

Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA President, spoke on the history of education.

Mrs. Eve Barron, PTA Council President, wished the Board good luck on the coming year.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES & SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Krob commented on the opening ceremonies at Hamilton Avenue School.

Mrs. Waters reported on the last meeting of the Curriculum Study Committee and advised that the next meeting will be held on September 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, Havemeyer Building.

Mr. Carey reported on the last meeting of the Facilities Committee and advised that the next meeting will be held on September 11th at 7:45 a.m. at Central Middle School.

Mrs. Anderson reported on the last meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. Helping the school system develop a plan to deal with the enrollment increase at Greenwich High School is one of the Committee's high priorities.

Mrs. Gwynn reported that the Policy Committee will be meeting on September 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Dr. Lulow reported that the results of the Middle School review will be available in September. He also noted that this year's projected enrollment was 8,832; the actual enrollment is 8,829. He discussed the Hamilton Avenue Magnet School, Glenville engineering study and Greenwich High School enrollment. He advised that the school system would begin a new 2nd Grade program for gifted students this Fall. SAT scores for Greenwich, he said, were the highest in recent years: 570 in math and 548 in verbal, or 1,118 combined.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Waters and seconded by Mr. Kelly to move Item E, Action on Guidelines for Cardinal Stadium, to the beginning of the Action Items Agenda.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

E. Action on Guidelines for Cardinal Stadium (Policy 3280)

Dr. Lulow noted that the proposed guidelines for Cardinal Stadium lights would become part of the project's Site Plan. They were formulated at the request of the District 7 Chairman of the RTM and are consistent with the recommendations made to the Board over the past 18 months. He addressed the concerns expressed by the neighbors in the Public Hearing.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the guidelines for Cardinal Stadium.

AMENDMENT

MOTION It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Carey that the Guidelines specify that Cardinal Stadium Lights will be turned off within thirty minutes following the end of a game.

VOTE: 0 in favor, 8 opposed MOTION FAILED

The Board opposed the Amendment because the Superintendent could not give an assurance that this would happen in every case and because further change in the Guidelines might create the impression that the Board's position on the lights had changed.

MOTION: Mr. Carey made a motion to alter the fourth paragraph. There was no second to this motion.

MOTION FAILED

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION

VOTE: 7 in favor, Mr. Carey opposed MOTION CARRIED

A. Action on Policy 6141.11(b), Instruction, Research Projects

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve Policy 6141.11(b), Instruction, Research Projects.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

B. Action on Rental Rates for Facilities (Policy 3270)

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Toretta to keep the current Rental Rate Schedule for Facilities.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

C. Action on Transfers for 2000-2001 (Policy 3160)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve the funds transfer for 2000-2001, as proposed by the Superintendent.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

D. Action on North Street School Air Conditioning Proposal (Policy 3280)

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Giambo and seconded by Mr. Carey to authorize the North Street School PTA to raise up to \$425,000 for air conditioning equipment.

VOTE: 7 in favor,
 Mrs. Waters opposed MOTION CARRIED

While supporting the motion, Mrs. Giambo and Mr. Toretta cautioned that the acceptance of PTA gifts above the gift cap raise serious questions about equity of resources across the system and expressed concern that private groups should not have to raise funds for items that belong in the school budget. Mrs. Waters voted against the motion, stating that to support a PTA fund raising project of this magnitude is to undermine the PTA's important role in the educational process.

F&G. Acceptance of Additions and Renovations at Eastern and Central Middle Schools

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mrs. Gwynn to accept the additions and renovations at Eastern Middle School and Central Middle School.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

H. Action on Bilingual Education Grant for 2001-2002 (Policy 3280)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Toretta to accept the Bilingual Education Grant for 2001-2002.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation on AP Scores (Policy 6240)

Mr. John Curtin Program Coordinator for Research and Evaluation, gave a comprehensive report on Advanced Placement Scores. Board members commended the staff for the outstanding performance of Greenwich students.

B. Update on Student Data Management System (Policy 0220)

Mrs. Susan Wallerstein, Program Coordinator for Media and Technology, gave the Board a report on the Student Data Management System. The Board thanked Mrs. Wallerstein for implementing the new the system.

C. Review of Enrollment Verification Plan (Policy 5110)

Mr. John Curtin, Program Coordinator for Research & Evaluation, gave the Board a status report on the enrollment verification plan and how he is working with Town departments to verify residency.

D. End of Year Gift Report (Policy 3280)

There were no questions on the quarterly gift report.

E. End of Year Financial Report (Policy 3410)

There were no questions on the end of year Financial Report.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no speakers at the second Public Hearing.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kelly and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra N. Waters
Secretary