

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

TIME: September 20, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cos Cob 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  
Mr. John Curtin, Program Administrator,  
Research & Evaluation

Other: Mrs. Eve Barron, Mrs. Joy Vaccari, Mrs. Paige Davis, Mrs. Dora Williams, Mrs. Lorraine Smario, PTA Council, Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA; Mrs. Susan Slater, Mrs. Rita Burke, Mrs. Margaret Santhanam, Mrs. Pam Speer, Mrs. Donna Carmona, Mrs. Rosalia Barnes, ALP Program; Mrs. Amy Denton, Mrs. Pam Speer, Old Greenwich School; Ms. Betty Burfeind, Mrs. Liz Norfleet, Mrs. Leslie Moriarty, North Street School; Mr. Stephen Solen, Mr. James Buckley, RTM; 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 7:30 p.m.

## **STUDENT & STAFF RECOGNITION**

Mr. Alan Capasso, Assistant Headmaster, Greenwich High School, presented the Board the National Merit Semifinalists. This year Greenwich High School had 20, the highest number ever. They were:

Elisha Barron  
Catherine Demmerle  
Nicholas Einhorn  
Mindy Haverson  
Techo Kim  
Jocelyn Mahone  
Mariko McDonagh  
Julia Sirmons  
Christopher Wilkinson  
Brian Wu

Timothy Bellis  
Robert Denning  
Benjamin Fast  
Evan Hindman  
Alexia Koritz  
Andrew Marantz  
Alexander Reid  
Jamie Weaver  
Meryl Winick  
John Zirinsky

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Susan Slater	Advanced Learning Program
Mrs. Rita Burke	Advanced Learning Program

## **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS**

Mrs. Eve Barron, PTA Council President, thanked the administration, teachers and Board for all the assistance given to staff and students in the wake of the World Trade Center tragedy. She also discussed school nurses and the prioritization of the Capital budget.

Mrs. Joanne Zammit, GEA President, also discussed the World Trade Center tragedy and her thanks to the office staff and administration.

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

Mrs. Krob thanked the teaching and administrative staff for their handling of the World Trade Center tragedy with the students.

Mrs. Waters gave an overview of the Curriculum Study Committee's meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a presentation on the Physical Education curriculum. The next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>. At the next meeting, there will be discussion of the health, foreign language and Language Arts curricula.

Mr. Carey gave a report on the September 11<sup>th</sup> Facilities Committee and advised that the meeting scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> was being cancelled and would be rescheduled. They are working on development of a prioritized capital budget.

Mrs. Anderson noted that the Long Range Planning Committee is developing a plan to cope with Greenwich High School enrollment growth and the middle school survey. Their next committee meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gwynn explained that at its last meeting, the Policy Committee discussed interscholastic athletics, graduation requirements and school activity funds policies. The next meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lulow explained the Department of Health's request for the Board of Education to take over the school nurse program and the problems with GEMS using EMTs to cover schools.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Action on Committee Work Plans (Policy 9130)**

The Work Plans for each committee were presented and discuss at length. The Facilities Committee Work Plan was withdrawn and will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Gwynn and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to approve the Work Plan for the Curriculum Study Committee.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the Work Plan for the Policy Committee

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

In discussing the Long Range Planning Committee Work Plan, Mrs. Krob expressed concern about the lack of alignment between the policy description of the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee's purpose and charge and the Committee's proposed work plan. As a result, the Committee agreed to add "During the year, the Long Range Planning Committee will review the scope of Policy 9132.6" to the tasks on the work plan.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the Work Plan for the Long Range Planning Committee, as amended.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Toretta gave an oral review of the contracts at issue for the Negotiations Committee this year. A written Work Plan will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

#### **B. Action on 5-7 Year Review Cycle for Curriculum Study**

In discussing the revised Curriculum Review Cycle, the Board decided to include the Foreign Language curriculum in the Five Year Cycle. All other curriculum will be reviewed every seven years.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Gwynn and seconded by Mrs. Waters to approve the 5-7 Year Review Cycle for Curriculum Study, as amended.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

#### **C. Action on Transfer of School Nurses from Department of Health to Board of Education For the 2002-2003 School Year.**

There was discussion about the Board of Health's request that the Board of Education assume management responsibility for school nurses. Mr. Toretta raised several issues, including contract negotiations and budget, which he felt required further analysis before the Board could approve this change.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Kelly to defer action on the transfer of school nurses from the Department of Health to the Board of Education for the 2002-2003 School Year

until the next meeting when the answers to these questions should be presented.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

## **IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Review of Class Size/Enrollment**

Mr. John Curtin, Program Coordinator, Research & Evaluation, gave the Board a report on Class Size and Enrollment in each of the schools in the district. This was followed by a question and answer period with the Board.

### **B. Report on SAT Scores**

Mr. Curtin also reviewed the SAT scores for the graduating class of 2001. The results point to an all time high and a four year upward trend in SAT scores at Greenwich High School. This presentation was also followed by a question and answer period with the Board.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mrs. Giambo to move Item D, First Reading of Policy 6172.1, Advanced Learning Program, to C and move C, First Reading on Capital Projects for 2002-2003 to D.

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

### **D. First Reading, Policy 6172,1 Advanced Learning Program (Grades 2-12)**

A first reading was held on this Policy. The Board was instructed to get any comments they have on this Policy to Ginny Gwynn in time for consideration at the next Policy Committee Meeting.

### **C. First Reading, on Capital Projects for 2002-2003**

Mr. Carey explained to the Board that the Capital Projects List was preliminary and required discussion at the next Facilities Committee Meeting. The Town's

new process for review of capital projects will require that the Board of Education submit more information so that funding for school projects can be considered.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no speakers at the second public hearing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra N. Waters  
Secretary