

**Bainbridge-Guilford Central School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2015**

President Emily Hall called the August 27, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:34 PM in the District Office Conference Room. Call to Order

Board members in attendance were Tina Ammon, Emily Hall, Keith Hanvey, Julee Hartwell, Patrick McElligott, Jeanne Shields and Rebecca Sullivan. Board Members in Attendance

Administrators in attendance were Don Wheeler and Janice Rideout. Administrators in Attendance

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Keith Hanvey, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss CSE minutes and the employment history of a particular person. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. Executive Session

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Julee Hartwell, the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 7:14 PM. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. Open Session

On motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Tina Ammon, the Board of Education voted to approve the evening’s revised agenda as presented. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. Order of the Agenda Established & Approved

There were no guest comments this evening. Guest Comments

After reviewing the recommendation and documentation setting forth the recommendation, including a review of the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and seeing that the appropriate safeguard rights were provided to the parent, the Board of Education took the following action on the following: CSE Recommendations

- Amendment with no meeting of: 08/20/15
- CSE minutes of: None
- CPSE minutes of: 08/05/15; 08/11/15
- Subcommittee minutes of: None
- 504 Minutes: None

On motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education reviewed and arranged for the appropriate special education placements. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

Linda Maynard, Guilford Principal, presented the schedule for the Guilford Building. Reports and Presentations

Jenn Henderson, Greenlawn Principal, presented the schedule for the Greenlawn Building.

President Hall reported on the Transportation Committee meeting held on August 24, 2015. Bus routes for the new school year, driver qualifications and fleet maintenance were discussed.

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Julee Hartwell, the Board of Education voted to approve the following financial reports: Business Office

- Treasurer’s Reports for June & July.
- Student Activities Reports for June & July.
- Internal Claims Auditors Report dated 6/20/15, 7/3/15 and 7/18/15.
- Request approval of the Financial Reports for June 2015.

Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. (See Attachment #1-4)

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Julee Hartwell, the Board of Education voted to approve the Tax Collection agreement with NBT Bank. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. (See Attachment #5)

On a motion by Julee Hartwell, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to approve the tax warrant for 2015-16. The equalization rate changes by the State and the effect on individual towns was explained. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. (See Attachment #6)

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to approve the bond resolution for Financing School Bus Purchases as presented. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried. (See Attachment #7)

Second reading of policy BP 5720 and AR 5720.1 regarding Athletic Placement Process was presented to the Board.

Old Business

Julee Hartwell presented information on evaluation tools for evaluating the Superintendent. The NYSSBA document received favorable comment and was requested formally by Dr. Wheeler. Various Superintendent Contracts were presented to the Board for their consideration when drafting the next Superintendent Contract.

Pens to be handed out to community members at Open House were discussed. It was suggested that the website, bobcat paw and school district name be printed in white on blue barrel pen.

Dr. Wheeler presented the Superintendent Update that included the presentation schedule for BOE committee meetings. It was requested that schedule be posted on the website. Staffing for the new school year was reviewed by the Board.

New Business

Summer Feeding numbers were reported to the Board. Numbers were up from last year and plans for increasing participation next year were presented.

Dr. Wheeler submitted minutes from SWBR Architect Sarah Welch that summarized the last Facility Committee meeting on August 17, 2015. The next meeting is August 31, 2015 at 6:30 PM . The Architects will be available at 5:30 PM to answer questions.

President Emily Hall read the following statement:

In the last couple of weeks, the District has had two families come forward and file formal complaints against a District employee. The complainants have been interviewed on the record and, as a result, the District has asked District counsel to investigate the complaints. The investigation will occur over the next month or so. Until we know whether the complaints are founded or not, the employee has been reassigned to work from home and is reporting directly to the Superintendent for job assignments. We are unable to provide more details at this time due to confidentiality requirements.

Personnel

On a motion by Tina Ammon, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 9:11 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

On a motion by Julee Hartwell, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to go into open session at 9:22 PM. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

The Board tabled the appointment of the Dean of Students.

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to approve the following certified personnel recommendations:

- The appointment of Michele Shirkey to the position of Modified Volleyball Coach at Step 6.
- The appointment of Travis White to the position as a volunteer Soccer Coach.
- The appointment of Michael L. Davidson, Jr to the position of substitute Teacher. Background check is complete.
- The appointment of Heather R. Thomas to the position of substitute Teacher. Background check is complete.
- The resignation of Scott Hornung, LTA effective August 25, 2015.
- Request approval to create a Dean of Students position.

Yes – 7; No – 0. Carried.

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Julee Hartwell, the Board of Education voted to approve the following non-certified personnel recommendations:

- The resignation of Rose Bunzey, PT Clerk, Business Office effective August 27, 2015.
- The appointment of Michael L. Davidson, Jr. to the position of substitute Teacher Aide. Background check is complete.
- The appointment of Christine Baldwin to the position of Teacher Aide (Temporary), FT, 10 Months, \$9.55/hr, effective 9/2/2015 through 11/24/2015. Vice: Diane Parsons
- The resignation of Jean Schlafer effective August 24, 2015.
- The conditional appointment of Jo Ann Winsor to the position of Teacher Aide, FT, 10 Months, \$11.00/hr, effective 9/2/2015. Probationary period 52 weeks. Background check is pending. Vice: Tracy Kutz
- The appointment of Christine Gaias to the position of Teacher Aide, FT, 10 Months, \$9.55/hr, effective 9/2/2015. Probationary period 52 weeks. Background check is complete. Vice: Daisy Marsh-Brewer

Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

The following Planning items were discussed:

- CANCELLED August 31 – Athletic Committee @ 5:30 PM
- August 31 – Capital Committee @ 6:30 PM
- Sept 3 – Personnel Committee @ 5:30
- Sept 3 – BOE meeting @ Guilford
- Sept 11 – BOE Blog for Blue and White
- Sept 17 – BOE meeting @ Guilford
- Sept 23 – Fiscal Training @ BOCES
- Oct 1 – BOE Meeting @ HS
- Oct 14 – Fiscal Training @ BOCES
- Oct 15 – BOE Meeting @ HS
- Oct 18-20 – NYSSBA Convention

School Functions

- September 2-3 – Staff Development Day
- September 8 – First Day of School
- September 24 – Greenlawn Open House
- October 7 – Jr-Sr HS Open House
- October 8 – Guilford Open House

Planning

Patrick McElligott reported that his daughter Darcy was able to take advanced courses as a freshman at Wells College due to her attaining the Associate Degree from TC3 through B-G.

Miscellaneous

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Julee Hartwell, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 9:44 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

Executive Session

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to go into open session at 11:24 PM. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

Open Session

On a motion by Patrick McElligott, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to adjourn at 11:24 PM. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Weibel
District Clerk