

**Bainbridge-Guilford Central School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017**

President Emily Hall called the September 7, 2017, meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:37 PM in the Guilford Elementary School Cafeteria. Call to Order

Board members in attendance were Tina Ammon, Emily Hall, Keith Hanvey, Jeanne Shields, Kay Striegler and Rebecca Sullivan. Gary Smith arrived at 7:01 PM. Board Members in Attendance

Administrators in attendance were Tim Ryan, Linda Maynard, Jenn Henderson, William Zakrajsek and Scott Graham. Administrators in Attendance

On a motion by Tina Ammon, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 6:38 PM to discuss CSE recommendations and a personnel item. Yes –6, No – 0. Carried. Executive Session

On a motion by Kay Striegler, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 7:07 PM. Yes –7, No – 0. Carried. Open Session

On a motion by Keith Hanvey, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to approve the evening’s revised agenda adding a discussion of Board of Education Committees. Yes –7, No – 0. Carried. Order of the Agenda Established & Approved

A member of the community requested a list of books that are assigned in English class for grades 9-12. They also asked about how the District is informing students about cultural diversity. The Muslim holidays should be on the school calendar. 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: None
- CSE minutes of: 8/24/17
- CPSE minutes of: None
- Subcommittee minutes of: None
- 504 Minutes: None

On motion by Kay Striegler, seconded by Tina Ammon, the Board of Education reviewed and arranged for the appropriate special education placements. Yes – 7, No – 0. Carried.

The principals reported on events happening in their buildings which included: The first day of school for students; Enrollment in each building, BOCES, and Career Academy; Summer Trainings for Teachers and Principals; State Testing Data from Greenlawn; Professional Learning Communities; and an update on the Smart Bond funding process to upgrade technology in all buildings. Reports and Presentations

Mr. Ryan reported on the following topics:

- Staff development day presentations on September 5 & 6 were well received by staff. The assembly for all staff and the luncheon were very much appreciated by all participants.

- We will be interviewing a forester next week to proceed with the Searles Hill property timber harvest.
- The BOE agreed that the retreat last week was informative. BOE members requested that Mr. Mead be invited back mid-year to continue his presentation.
- Mr. Ryan shared his five goals for the new school year. BOE members were asked to establish their goals at the next BOE meeting.
- A pre-trial hearing regarding the property taxes of the Jennison Plant will be held on September 12th at 10 AM. Our attorneys will be attending the proceedings. Some BOE members showed interest in attending too.
- Information regarding health insurance options was presented to the BOE. The next NY 44 Trustee meeting is on October 18th.
- A veteran contacted the District Office requesting information on school tax exemption. It was reported that in smaller school districts this exemption would increase the tax burden of non-veterans disproportionately.
- Out of District student enrollment was shared with the BOE. Currently, 89 students are non-residents. Half of that number are students of staff members. Total enrollment today is 820 students. Possible tuition for non-staff students was discussed.
- BOE members were asked to complete the Self Evaluation survey and return them to the District Office for tabulation.
- Feedback on the proposed After School Program was shared and discussed with the BOE members.
- Planning for a school district census will start this Spring.

Rebecca Sullivan left at 8:01 PM.

On a motion by Tina Ammon, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to approve the open meeting minutes of August 24, 2017. Yes-6, No-0. Carried.

Old Business

The Board discussed revising the District Mission Statement to be “Ensuring high levels of learning for all.” Any thoughts on this change should be directed to Mr. Ryan.

Final signatures of the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools regarding the Machinist CTE program were obtained for the New York State Education Department.

New Business

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to approve the transportation contract with GMU Central School. Yes-6, No-0. Carried.

At the next meeting, BOE committee responsibilities will be presented to the BOE.

On a motion by Kay Striegler, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to approve the following certified personnel recommendations:

Personnel

- The appointment of Paul Jenkins to the position of Marching Band advisor at Step 3.
- The appointment of Paul Jenkins to the position of Pep Band advisor at Step 3.
- The appointment of Rhiannon LaCross to the position of Drama Club Advisor at Step 2.

Yes-6, No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Kay Striegler, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to approve the following non-certified personnel recommendations:

- The appointment of Macala Walters to the position of substitute Bus Drive PT. Background check is complete.
- The appointment of Nancy Sweet Ives to the position of Bus Attendant PT; 10 months; approximately 3.5 hrs/day; \$9.93/hour. Probationary period is 52 weeks starting 9/18/2017. Background check is complete. Vice: Marian Merlis.

Yes –6, No – 0. Carried

On a motion by Kay Striegler, seconded by Gary Smith, the Board of Education voted to approve the following sports personnel recommendations:

- The approval of Mr. Rich Selfridge as a volunteer Volleyball Coach.

Yes –6, No – 0. Carried

The following Planning items were discussed:

Planning

Board Events

Rural Schools – Advocating for Our Rural School – September 14
Open House Dates: Jr-Sr HS Oct 4; Greenlawn Oct 18; Guilford Oct 26
New Staff Meet and Greet – Oct 5 @ 5:30 PM HS Library
NYSSBA Convention – October 12-14, 2017

School Events

Superintendent Coffee – September 15 - HS 8:00 AM

Policy on meals and edible awards was discussed. Is there a policy? If not, should we have a policy on food provided during the school day.

Miscellaneous

On a motion by Gary Smith, seconded by Kay Striegler, the Board of Education voted to adjourn 8:54 PM. Yes – 6, No – 0. Carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Weibel
District Clerk

