

APPROVED 03/24/09

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: Ray Sulich, Jr., Tom O'Rourke, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, and Janet Tyler, Superintendent

Absent: Heather DeLuca

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on February 24, 2009.

B. ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Under D add Executive Session.

C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

D. INTERVIEWS OF BOE CANDIDATES

Six candidates were interviewed in open session and were asked nine questions. The candidates in attendance were: Christine M. Jones, Louis Pecoraro, Christine Crugnola Petrinuw, Aaron Spruance, Everett A. St. Louis, and Carl Thurlow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of deliberating for the new board member.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Came out of Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion: To nominate Aaron Spruance to fill the position on the Board of Education until the next town election.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Tom O'Rourke

Vote: Amy Labbe – Yes
Kimberly Coombs – Yes
Tom O'Rourke – Yes
Ray Sulich, Jr. – Yes
Sally Peavey – Yes

Sally Peavey thanked all candidates for attending and encouraged them to consider running to fill the vacancies in November 2009.

E. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes for February 10, 2009.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

2. Communication to BOE Members

Cathy Ferguson sent thank you letters were sent to Mohegan Tribe, Big Y Foods, Wal-Mart, and Martello's for their support to the schools.

Sally Peavey sent a letter invitation to Cheryl Miller inviting her to the March 10, 2009 meeting concerning cafeteria issues.

F. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Superintendent's Contract

Motion: To ratify the contract of the superintendent
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: No Vote

Motion: To table ratification of Superintendent's Contract
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke, Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

2. FOI Costs

Fees for FOI requests were discussed including "Sec. 1-212 (Formerly Sec. 1-15) Copies and scanning of public records. Fees." It was decided that copies provided that are not part of an FOI request should be returned by the recipient and will be deducted from the fees.

Motion: To set a temporary fee for documents requested under the FOI Act of .25 per copy and .50 for certified copies until a policy is in place.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

3. Administrative Study

Janet Tyler was asked to contact NESDEC to inquire if they have an internal survey that the Board can use in place of the administrative study. Kimberly Coombs will contact other agencies, including past Board members.

Motion: To table the Administrative Study until the next meeting when the new board member will be in attendance.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote: All in favor

4. Proposed 2009 – 2010 Budget

The next budget meeting will be held on March 3, 2009. Sally Peavey will send a letter to all bargaining units, unions, associations and employees of the district to consider freezing wages and benefits for the 2009-10 year.

Motion: To send a letter to all bargaining unions and all employees of the Canterbury Public Schools asking that they consider freezing wages and benefits for the 2009-10 year at the value of the 2008-09 budget.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

G. RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Nonrenewal/Teachers and the Superintendent's Mid-year Evaluation.

By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

Came out of Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 10:10 p.m.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Peavey