

**APPROVED 04/07/09**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

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

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on March 24, 2009.

**B. ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Move H.1 2009-2010 Budget Presentation to BOF to E.  
Move G.1 New Business/Possible Action Gift – Sound System to F.  
Add I.1 Town Treasurer Meeting.  
Add Butts Bridge to J.1.

Motion: To accept the changes to the agenda.  
By: Sally Peavey  
Seconded: Heather DeLuca  
Vote: All in favor

**C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

**D. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE MEMBERS**

Sally Peavey received letters from the Teachers, Administrators, Custodians, Secretaries and Librarians bargaining unions. The reply was mutual that based on the state budget and economic stimulus not yet being settled, they would wait for agreeing to freeze their wages. Sally also received a letter from Christine Jones thanking the Board for allowing her to interview for the recent Board vacancy.

**E. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. 2009-2010 Budget presentation to BOF

The Superintendent presented the 2009-2010 Board of Education Budget.

Robert Drosch along with members of the Board of Finance reviewed and discussed the 2009-2010 Board of Education Budget.

Motion: To accept the 2009-2010 Board of Education Budget

By: Ellen Chalfant  
Seconded: Robert DeLuca  
Vote: Deborah Alice – Yes  
Michael Belmont – No  
Ellen Chalfant – Yes  
Robert DeLuca – Yes  
Jacqueline Desrochers – No  
Robert Drosch – Yes

## **F. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### 1. Gift – Sound System

Jim Molkenthin, on behalf of the Canterbury Athletic Association, requested that the he and Ralph Watson be added to the next Board agenda to elaborate and present a gift of a state of the art sound system to Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School.

## **G. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

### 1. Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, February 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting, March 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, February 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion: To modify the Vote in F.1 to read No Vote.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Abstained: Aaron Spruance, Sally Peavey

Vote: In Favor

Motion: To modify the second sentence to read 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.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Abstained: Aaron Spruance, Sally Peavey

Vote: In Favor

Motion: To approve the changes to the Business Meeting of February 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Amy Labbe

Abstained: Aaron Spruance, Sally Peavey

Vote: In Favor

Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion: To modify the second paragraph in H.1 Administrative Study to read between two to four community members and an administrator.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Abstained: Sally Peavey, Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: In Favor

Motion: To modify the first sentence in section H.4 Superintendent's Contract to read Board of Education members discussed the Superintendent's proposed contract and referenced the mid-year evaluation.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Abstained: Sally Peavey, Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: In Favor

Motion: To approve the changes to the Business Meeting minutes for March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Abstained: Sally Peavey, Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: In Favor

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting, March 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting minutes for Business Meeting, March 17, 2009.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: All in favor

2. Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

Sally Peavey mentioned that she is trying to schedule a Facilities Meeting and asked if Aaron Spruance would be available to attend.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Region District 11 Dissolution Study

Janet Tyler discussed a letter received from the Regional District 11 Dissolution Study Committee. The committee is asking if Canterbury would be interested in accepting grade seven and eight students for tuition if they were to dissolve their school. Among some issues to be addressed would be class size, cost of tuition, and number of students being sent. The Board asked that Janet Tyler respond and let the committee know that the Board would be willing to discuss the option.

**I. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Town Treasurer Meeting

Kimberly Coombs asked the Board to set up a meeting with the Town Treasurer for purposes of providing clarification of her job description and roles and responsibilities as they relate to the Board. Sally Peavey will contact the treasurer and ask her availability for the next meeting. Tom asked if we could obtain a copy of the state statutes that outline the roles and responsibilities of the treasurer.

Motion: To invite the Town Treasurer to attend the next available meeting to discuss financial operations.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Vote: All in favor

**J. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Butts Bridge Road

Janet Tyler and Paulette Garosshen attended a meeting at the Department of Transportation in Newington on March 23, 2009. The Superintendent will provide the DOT with the following information: transportation, mailing, salaries, insurance and other expenses. The DOT will include this information in their proposal in order to reimburse the district. The district will lease buses and if the project ends before the lease agreement date, the DOT will pay the fees.

Janet Tyler spoke with Brian Sear regarding this agreement. Brian checked with the Town attorney. The Board will enter into this agreement without their oversight.

Ray Sulich, Jr. asked Janet Tyler to request a copy of the proposal for the Board to review before empowering the Superintendent to sign the proposal.

**K. RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

The Board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Personnel: Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers
2. Board Relations

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers and Board Relations.

By: Aaron Spruance

Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: All in favor

Came out of Executive Session at 10:35p.m.

**M. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

Motion: Motion to non-renew the non-tenured teachers: Jason Beit, William Bergan, Sarah Boyd, Jason Cerro, Louise Fletcher, Kaye Henning, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Joan Mansigian, Elisabeth Mehlinger, Sarah Normandie, Jessica Rodrigues, Louise Scanlon, Timothy Simkowski, Alan Tortolani

By: Aaron Spruance.

Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: All in favor

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn at 10:37 p.m.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board