

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

In Attendance: Sally Peavey, Tom O'Rourke, Heather DeLuca, Ray Sulich, Jr.,  
and Janet Tyler, Superintendent

Aaron Spruance arrived at 7:15 p.m. Kimberly Coombs arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Absent: Amy Labbe

Sally Peavey left at 8:30 p.m.

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on September 8, 2009.

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

Add: G. 12. 2008-2009 final budget numbers  
H.2. Discussion of unlicensed bus driver incident  
H.3. Discussion of policy regarding live broadcasts  
I. Old Business - Teacher contract negotiation

Move: Letters I, J, and K down

Motion: To accept the changes to the agenda.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Tom O'Rourke

Vote: All in favor

**C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

The Board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

**D. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE MEMBERS**

None.

**E. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Casey Allen, a fifth grader, was recognized for her community service. Casey volunteered two days at the Northeast District Department of Health. She generated over 7,000 informational H1N1 flyers that were received by Canterbury parents and students during the first week of school.

**F. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, July 14, 2009  
Business Meeting, August 11, 2009

Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, July 14, 2009

Motion: To approve the Business Meeting minutes for July 14, 2009.  
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.  
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke  
Vote: In favor

Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, August 11, 2009

Motion: To table the Business Meeting minutes for August 11, 2009.  
By: Tom O'Rourke  
Seconded: Heather DeLuca  
Vote: In favor

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

1. Opening of School

The administrators shared comments regarding the opening of school. They thanked the teachers, custodians, and other staff for their hard work in preparation of the start of school.

2. Parent/Community Support

At the end of the school year, parents received a letter asking for school supply donations. The Superintendent thanked the parents and community for their support of the many supplies received.

3. Enrollment

The Superintendent discussed enrollment numbers and asked the Board to consider a policy regarding high school enrollment. Heather DeLuca, Policy Committee representative will work with committee to draft a policy. Ray Sulich, Jr. asked that the budget projections be added to the report.

4. Professional Development

Professional Development included two intense days which focused on vertical teaming, new math resources for K-6, and Scientific Research Based Intervention "SRBI." A speaker and author has provided onsite embedded professional development on reading strategies. He provides modeling and work with teachers in classrooms.

5. New Hires

Eric Anderson has been hired as the new art teacher at DHBMS. Aeryn Barry has been hired as secretary for the special education office.

6. Resignation

Heidi Mehringer-Macina has resigned from her position as reading consultant.

7. Community Service, grades 3-8

Part of the Community Conversations discussion involved community service. Teachers will begin tracking students' community service in grades 3-8.

8. Connecticut Mastery Test, March 2009 / AYP

Canterbury Public Schools has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress status. The principals will provide a detailed report of the CMT results at the next meeting.

9. Bus Bid

The bus bid was advertised in the newspaper. Bids will be opened on September 17.

10. H1N1

Letters and pamphlets regarding H1N1 were sent home with students. The Superintendent asked that a policy be developed to address children who attend school while sick.

11. 2009-2010 Budget

Janice Thurlow discussed preparation of 2009-2010 budget reports to the Board and asked for input.

12. 2008-2009 Final Budget Numbers

Janice Thurlow reported that the auditors were in the Business Office reviewing files; they will return to audit the ED001 on September 10. Approximately \$315,000 will be returned to the Town.

**H. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Paraeducator Contract – First Read

Motion: To ratify the Canterbury Paraeducator contract for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2012.  
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.  
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs  
Vote: All in favor

2. Discussion of unlicensed bus driver

The Superintendent assured the Board that all drivers are licensed. Mrs. Tyler and the Transportation Coordinator spent several hours receiving in-service on record keeping and reviewing statutes. The Board asked that the individuals be invited to the next meeting on September 22.

3. Discussion of policy regarding live broadcasts

Ray Sulich, Jr. asked that a policy be in place to address the delivery, or not, of live broadcasts. The Board asked that the Policy Committee draft a policy.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Teacher contract negotiation

Ray Sulich, Jr. stated concerns regarding the number of Board members on the negotiating committee. The Superintendent read information provided by the Board attorney stating that the Board may still disagree and cannot get locked in because there are four people present.

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

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract

Motion: To adjourn into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract.

By: Heather DeLuca

Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: All in favor

Came out of Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board