

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: Sally Peavey, Tom O'Rourke, Stephen Brown, Amy Labbe, Louis Pecoraro, Carl Thurlow, and Janet Tyler, Superintendent

Absent: John Ellston

Sally Peavey left at 7:51 p.m.

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. ELECTION OF BOE OFFICERS

The election of Board Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary was held. Voting was done by paper ballot.

CHAIRPERSON

Motion: To nominate Sally Peavey as Board Chairperson.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Stephen Brown

Motion: To nominate Tom O'Rourke as Board Chairperson.
Tom respectfully declined.

Vote: 4 - Yes
2 - Abstained

Sally Peavey was elected BOE Chairperson.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Motion: To nominate Tom O'Rourke as Board Vice Chairperson.

By: Carl Thurlow

Seconded: Sally Peavey

Vote: 6 - Yes

Tom O'Rourke was elected BOE Vice Chairperson.

SECRETARY

Motion: To nominate Carl Thurlow as Board Secretary.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Stephen Brown

Motion: To nominate Amy Labbe as Board Secretary.

By: Louis Pecoraro

Seconded: Sally Peavey

Vote: 5 - Yes - Carl Thurlow
1 - Yes - Amy Labbe

Carl Thurlow was elected BOE Secretary.

C. ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Move: H.1. to F.
Move F to G and all other letters down.

Motion: To accept the changes to the agenda.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

D. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None.

E. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

The recipients of the 2009-10 CAPSS Superintendent Awards were:
CES: Ashley Haggett and Jordan Perkins
BMS: Owen Dube and Melissa Griffes

A short recess began at 7:24 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Tom O'Rourke dismissed himself at 7:35 p.m. to participate in the NFA Presentation.

F. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. NFA Presentation

Mark Cohan (NFA Headmaster), Tom O'Rourke (Cranston House Principal), Denise Grant (Director of Curriculum), John Iovino (Director of Student Affairs) provided a presentation on the programs and activities available to students who enroll at NFA.

Tom O'Rourke returned at 8:00 p.m. to participate in the Board business.

G. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting, November 10, 2009
Special Meeting, November 13, 2009

Tom O'Rourke asked that both meeting minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

2. Administrators' Reports

The Administrators' Reports were discussed.

H. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Enrollment

The enrollment reports were reviewed and discussed.

2. H1N1 data update

The Superintendent stated that in review of the past month's illnesses, the elementary and middle school students have been relatively healthy. There have been flu-like symptoms.

3. Resignation

Bryan Klimkiewicz has resigned from his position as Director of Pupil Services.

4. Hiring

Nancy Turner has been hired as the new school nurse at CES.

5. NAEYC

Cathy Ferguson reported that a national assessor was at CES. The report/findings will be sent by the end of January.

6. Toy Drive

The Third Annual School Bus Toy Drive will take place on December 11 at Martello's and December 12 at DHBMS.

7. Home for the Holidays

Governor Rell asked Connecticut residents to donate a dollar to help cover the cost of busing troops home for the holidays. The Canterbury Public Schools staff donated \$124 to the Operations Home for the Holidays.

8. High School Informational Evening

A High School Informational Evening will be held on December 24 at the BMS Library. Representatives from receiving high schools will be present to provide information and answer questions that parents and/or students may have.

9. BOE email addresses

The Superintendent stated that, as in the past, it is recommended by attorneys that Board members have an email account dedicated to Board activities. If you would like a Canterbury Public Schools email account, please contact the Superintendent.

10. 2009-2010 Budget

Janice Thurlow provided a status update on the 2009-10 budget. She will be preparing a cost analysis i.e., high school billing.

I. OLD BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. BOE Meeting Dates 2010

Motion: To adopt the BOE 2010 meeting dates.

By: Carl Thurlow

Seconded: Louis Pecoraro

Vote: All in favor

J. RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 8:38 p.m.
By: Carl Thurlow
Seconded: Louis Pecoraro
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Thurlow, Secretary to the Board