

APPROVED 01/13/09

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:18 p.m. on December 9, 2008.

B. ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Change I to Executive Session, change J to Discuss Canterbury School Administrators' Contract, move Adjournment to K, switch F number one and five to make number one Butts Bridge and number five Enrollment.

Motion: To amend agenda for December 9, 2008.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Tom O'Rourke

Vote: All in favor

C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

D. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) Awards were presented at Brooklyn Middle School on November 17, 2008 were honored. Recipients were Emily Sullivan, Kevin Espinosa, Peter Pisowloski, and Brittany Molkenhain.

The Mohegan Tribe Challenge Grant in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to the CES fourth grade.

The Canterbury 2nd Annual School Bus Toy Drive was held December 5-7. The toy drive raised 2,000 toys and \$1,060 in cash donations. These donations will be distributed to Canterbury families in need. The Board thanked the bus drivers, community members and especially Paulette Garosshen for volunteering their time for the toy drive.

A short recess began at 7:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

E. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2008, 6:15pm meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the October 23, 2008, 6:15pm meeting minutes.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Larry Simons

Abstained: Tom O'Rourke, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs

Vote: Approved

Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2008, 7:00pm meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the October 23, 2008, 7:00pm meeting minutes.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Larry Simons
Abstained: Tom O'Rourke, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs
Vote: Approved

Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2008 meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the November 12, 2008 meeting minutes.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Abstained: Amy Labbe, Larry Simons
Vote: Approved

2. Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

Kimberly Coombs met with the Superintendent on December 9, 2008 to discuss the Community Conversations. They will meet again on January 13, 2009.

3. Administrators' Reports

The Administrators' Reports were reviewed and discussed.

F. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Butts Bridge

On November 18, there was an informational meeting to discuss the closing of the bridge for eighteen months which would begin in March. The cost impact to the town to transport the children to schools could be approximately \$160,000 or more and some children will be arriving home between 5:00 and 5:30pm.

2. Asbestos Project

The representative at the State requested the Board's signature on the Approval of Education Specifications in order to complete the asbestos grant application process.

Motion: To authorize signatures for the Approval of Education Specifications to Sally Peavey, Tom O'Rourke and Heather DeLuca.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

3. CIP

At the Town meeting, the 2013-14 school year budget was reviewed and was prioritized in order of urgency.

4. Communications Committee (1+1+1)

The meeting scheduled on December 1 included Bob Droesch, Brian Sear, Sally Peavey, and Janet Tyler.

5. Enrollment

The enrollment report was discussed; enrollment has not changed drastically.

6. BOE 2009 Meeting Calendar

Motion: To approve the BOE 2009 Meeting Calendar
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

7. 2008-2009 Budget Update

Janice Thurlow reviewed and discussed the 2008-2009 budget.

8. GASB 45

Janice Thurlow presented information on GASB 45 which would be less cost-effective for a retiree to pay insurance.

9. 403b

Janice Thurlow reviewed third party planning information.

Motion: To contract with ING Plan with Ease and that Canterbury Public Schools will be the third party provider for existing mutual funds plans.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

G. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Bullying Policy, First Read

Motion: To accept First Read status of Bullying Policy 5131-911 and Attachments 5131.911 A-K, Appendix A, and forms
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

H. RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To adjourn into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

J. DISCUSS ADMINISTRATORS' CONTRACT

Came out of Executive Session at 10:05 p.m.

Administrators' Contract/Ratification

Motion: To table ratification of Administrators' Contract
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 10:07 p.m.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Larry Simons
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board