

**CANTERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**April 11, 2006
6:00 P.M.**

BOE approval with changes in bold 5/9/06

Lorna Champagne, Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting in order at 6:03 p.m. on April 11, 2006, in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr. (arrived at 6:05 pm), Carl Thurlow and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Suplicki

ABSENT: None

Motion: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a legal matter, the superintendent's evaluation and negotiations update.

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Raymond Sulich, Jr.
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of executive session at 7:15 PM

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote: Unanimous

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda of April 11, 2006.
The following statement was added after "Old Business" Budget Update. "Who will represent each portion of the budget at the public hearing?"

Motion: To accept the April 11, 2006 agenda as amended.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 28, 2006.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Kim Coombs mentioned that under "New Business" on page 3, line 1 and 2 should read: She explained that this tutor at the high school is a retired teacher who simply might not be up on certification.

Lorna Champagne mentioned that Ray Sulich, Jr. arrived into executive session at 6:10 p.m.

Ray Sulich, Jr. noted on page 2, line 20 that jet cleaning should be done to the sanitary pipes and not the building.

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 28, 2006 as amended.
Vote: All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Suplicki mentioned the resignations of 3 people. Lynda Lombardi – 7th grade Language Arts, Adeline Young, Food Service, and Kelly Perusse – Food Service.

DHBMS received a check for \$24.02 which will go to the middle school. This check was from Kiducation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Dr. Suplicki discussed the law firm increases. She said that they have not increased their prices for as long as she has been here. Sally Peavey and Heather DeLuca thought that it might be a good idea to check out other law firms. Dr. Suplicki said she would investigate as there are 3 or 4 education law firms in the area. Dr. Suplicki asked the Board how much they wanted to put on retainer. The new retainer would **pertain to** all legal services. In the past the retainer has not been able to cover certain cost like if we have a special education hearing.

Dr. Suplicki then spoke about an unemployment insurance assistance program through CABE.

Motion: To sign up for unemployment insurance assistance program through CABE.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Pat Arnio

Vote: All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: To table the board goals until the April 25, 2006 meeting.

By: Heather DeLuca

Seconded: Pat Arnio

Vote: All in favor.

Motion: To table the education goals until the April 25, 2006 meeting.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Carl Thurlow

Vote: All in favor.

Motion: To approve the substitute pay schedule.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Kim Coombs

Discussion ensued.

Vote Abstained by: Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey

Vote No by: Carl Thurlow, Ray Sulich, Jr., Lorna Champagne, Kim Coombs

Motion: Denied

Dr. Suplicki said that she will get other bids on the parking lot.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about the budget update. Lorna asked who wanted to present each portion of the budget at the public hearing on April 24, 2006. Kim Coombs and Ray Sulich said they would be unable to attend. It was decided that the following board members would be responsible for the items listed below:

Carl Thurlow – DHBMS

Sally Peavey – CES

Lorna Champagne – Transportation, Facilities and District

Heather DeLuca – Central office and Board of Education

Pat Arnio – Special Education

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 4112.4 was discussed. Everyone agreed to the need for a TB test. There were some questions about the physical exam and how it would be paid for.

Motion: To bring the issue of TB testing and the physical exam before our attorney regarding its legality.

By: Carl Thurlow

Seconded: Sally Peavey

Vote Yes: Lorna Champagne, Raymond Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow, Sally Peavey, Pat Arnio
Abstained: Heather DeLuca and Kim Coombs

Dr. Suplicki said that our technology update is about 90% complete.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about the wellness committee. Next year there will be many changes. Some of these changes will be in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is already offering healthy snacks. Dr. Suplicki also noted that next year she will only approve a fundraiser that offers an alternative when a non-healthy fundraiser is offered.

DISTRIBUTIONS

Enrollment has not changed.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the public.

Motion: To adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

By: Pat Arnio

Seconded: Carl Thurlow

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board