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7:00 p.m.

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 22, 2008 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from an audience of visitors.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

A group of students and advisor Susan Minor gave a presentation on 3 news clips that the students won awards for by the Fox 61 News Team. The segments consisted of: "The G Diaper" which are flushable diapers; "Baby, Think It Over" regarding teen pregnancy and "The Key Gym", a local fitness center open 24/7. The students presented the videoed segments to the Board. The students were congratulated for their outstanding work.

A short recess began at 7:15 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2008

Motion: To approve the April 7, 2008 meeting minutes.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Tom O'Rourke

Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

EASTCONN – Tom O'Rourke attended a meeting at EASTCONN today. Discussion included the middle college at QVCC and how the Arts Program has taken off. The 9th grade is at full capacity with a waiting list. EASTCONN will also be formalizing teen driving safety and driver's education in the near future.

CABE – Nothing to report however Ray mentioned that if anyone had any free afternoons it would be helpful as most of the meetings are midday.

CES PTO – Tom O'Rourke noted that our PTO volunteers are such a dedicated group of people. He spoke of the assemblies, field trips etc. that they all work so hard on. They want to be kept in the loop with issues such as budget, etc. which Tom agreed.

BOOSTER CLUB – Nothing to report. Kim is available on a night before a regular Board meeting if a booster club meeting were to begin.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Killingly Vo-Ag is open to all students who choose to go. Transportation is provided. Woodstock Academy/Education Summit – Janet Tyler, Superintendent received an e-mail regarding an educational summit on June 3-5, 2008 at 7pm. If anyone is interested please see her.

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Space Utilization Committee – Sally Peavey will be drafting a letter to the Board of Finance and the Selectman soliciting volunteers for this committee.

Budget 2008-2009 – The Board of Finance asked the Board of Education to reduce the 2008-2009 budget by \$47,955. There were no student programs cut. The cuts came from CES, DHBMS and Pupil Services.

Motion: To approve the reduced budget of \$47,955 for the year 2008-2009 as recommended by Janet Tyler, Superintendent.
By: Tom O'Rourke
Seconded: Larry Simons
Vote yes: Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, Larry Simons, Tom O'Rourke
Opposed: Ray Sulich Jr.
Vote Passes

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from an audience of citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 8:34 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of executive session at 10:05 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.
By: Ray Sulich
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 10:07 p.m.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Larry Simmons
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board