

Ray Sulich Jr., Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on August 8, 2006 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow, Aaron Spruance, and Dr. Sandra Suplicki, Superintendent

#### **ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion: To accept the agenda of August 8, 2006.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Under Item 6. add letter b.) Discussion of the Scoreboard. The rest of the Superintendent's Report/Possible Action would be relettered. Under Item 7. add letter b.) Dismissal process for students for the school year 2006/2007. Under Item 11. add letter b.) Discussion of a personnel matter and letter c.) Negotiations update.

Motion: To accept the agenda of August 8, 2006 as amended.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Heather DeLuca  
Vote: All in favor

#### **RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: To approve the minutes of 7/11/06.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Lorna Champagne was to be removed as absent from the minutes as she had resigned. Under "Additions and/or Corrections to the agenda" The word "matter" would end the sentence of the third line to read "Discussion of policies regarding Board discussion of a legal matter." Under "Fill vacant chairperson's position "there" becomes "The" for the first word. "Where discussed" becomes "was discussed" in the second line. Under Discuss Vacant BOE Position the second sentence would read "Outlining the application process is required. Under "New Business" Discussion on board vacancies "were discussed" not "was discussed". The last sentence was changed to read "Discussion and correction of Policy 9122 followed."

Motion: To approve the minutes of 7/11/06 as amended.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Sally Peavey  
Vote: All in favor  
Abstained: Aaron Spruance

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 7/6/06 minutes.  
By: Heather DeLuca  
Seconded: Sally Peavey  
Vote: All in favor  
Abstained: Aaron Spruance, Pat Arnio

#### **CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION**

The CAA gave a presentation regarding installing a new gym floor and a new scoreboard. Questions were raised regarding the moisture problem in the gym. It was explained that this floor has air circulation around it which will prevent water buildup. The gym would be down for two to three weeks.

Motion: To accept the CAA proposal regarding the DHBMS gym with the stipulation that we would follow this very closely.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Pat Arnio

Discussion. Dr. Suplicki mentioned that she would like the motion to read that the BOE moves to renovate the gym as proposed by the CAA.

Motion: The motion was amended to read: To renovate the Gym as proposed by the CAA.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Vote: All in favor

A presentation was given by The Portolan Group. The company, at present, has no accounts in Connecticut but said it would only take a matter of one half day to be up to speed on procurement laws. Kim Coombs asked what the professional fees cover. It was answered that they charge a flat rate on the deliverable. Ray noted that we need a plan where we need to go and this will be discussed at the next facilities meeting.

Dr. Suplicki noted that 99.68% of the 05/06 budget expended and that we returned approximately \$31,000 to the town. The 06/07 budget is a little more confusing in that all of the numbers are encumbered, i.e. salaries, insurance, phone, utilities, oil, etc. In the past there were certain things that were not encumbered.

Dr. Suplicki reported that Anita Risavich, a bus driver, had resigned after 23 years of service. The Board decided to have a reception for new teachers and retirees at the second meeting in September

Dr. Suplicki said there were 3 candidates for the 4th grade position and interviews tomorrow starting at 9 a.m. for the Special Education position.

The first reading of revised policies 9100, 9122 and 9221 were discussed.

Motion: To accept the first reading status of 9100, 9122 and 9221.

By: Pat Arnio

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Vote: All in favor

Kim Coombs and Heather DeLuca will be attending the CABE Convention in November 2006. They also attended last year and were pleased with it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There is still a small amount of painting to be done. There is a "Paint Party" planned for Saturday at 9 a.m. Dr. Suplicki mentioned the enormous amount of supplies donated by Staples which have all been sorted and distributed.

School dismissal time was discussed. Dr. Suplicki noted that a clerk will cover the Dr. Helen Baldwin School from 11:30 – 3:30. This gives the secretary time to have lunch and also covers student dismissal. The clerk's hours at the elementary school will be from 9 – 1 to take care of late entries, etc. At the end of the day, the librarian will have the "end of the day duty" of calling busses and dismissing students. The secretary will take care of the phones.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We have been awarded the IDEA and preschool grants. We don't have the exact numbers yet but we can start to spend some money. Any changes will not amount to much.

Dr. Suplicki announced that the state will release the CMT scores at 9 a.m. on 8/9/06. Dr. Suplicki was very pleased with the results. She said "our kids did well!"

## DISTRIBUTIONS

On a high note, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter honor roll stated that 15 out of 60 students made honors **from Griswold Public Schools**. They are to be congratulated. On a down side, Dr. Suplicki did say that there were 3 Canterbury students that were retained at Griswold High School. One student being a 9<sup>th</sup> grader.

Motion: To adjourn into Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Sally Peavey  
Vote: All in favor

The Board came out of executive session at 11:15 pm

Motion: To come of executive session at 11:15 pm.  
By: Carl Thurlow  
Seconded: Pat Arnio  
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To increase compensation of the Board of Education clerk to \$ 75 per meeting from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.  
By: Aaron Spruance  
Seconded: Carl Thurlow  
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 11:17 pm.  
By: Pat Arnio  
Seconded: Carl Thurlow  
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To adjourn at:  
By:  
Seconded:  
Vote:  
Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board