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7:00 p.m.

Amended as approved by the Board of Education January 8, 2008

Ray Sulich Jr. called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:15 p.m. on December 11, 2007 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To add (h) Toys, Games and Fun for Christmas under Superintendent's Report/Possible Action.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To add a recess after item 4. Board Biennial Organization and renumber the agenda.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor

CAPPS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Five students were recognized and given the Superintendent award by Kathleen Boyhan-Maus and Catherine Ferguson. These students are: Sam Fournier, grade 4; Tyler Sullivan, grade 4; Timothy Jones, grade 4; Jeremy Geragotelis, grade 8; and Lauren Holland, grade 8. They are to be congratulated, as well as our high school students.

BOARD BIENNIAL ORGANIZATION

Motion: To nominate Sally Peavey for Chairperson.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kim Coombs

Motion: To close the nomination for Chairperson.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Sally Peavey

Motion: To nominate Tom O'Rourke as Vice Chairperson.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Larry Simons

Motion: To close the nomination for Vice Chairperson.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Tom O'Rourke

Motion: To nominate Heather DeLuca as Secretary.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Motion: To close the nomination for Secretary.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: All in favor

Abstained: Heather DeLuca

The meeting has been turned over to Sally Peavey, Chairperson. Sally thanked Dean Toepfer, Aaron Spruance, Pat Arnio and Carl Thurlow for all of their time and energy.

Recess at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from an audience of visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of November 8, 2007.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Vote: All in favor

Abstained: Larry Simons, Amy Labbe, Tom O'Rourke

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2007.

By: Heather DeLuca

Seconded: Kim Coombs

To remove all of the discussion and motions under "Recognition of and comments from visitors" The board heard comments from an audience of visitors, to be placed under Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda.

Vote: All in favor

Abstained: Larry Simons, Amy Labbe, Tom O'Rourke

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of November 19, 2007.

By: Heather DeLuca

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

The third motion, to add the word "negotiation" after contract. To authorize the Board of Education Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Education to accept the contract negotiations....

Vote: All in favor

Abstained: Larry Simons, Amy Labbe, Tom O'Rourke

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of November 27, 2007.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote: All in favor

Abstained: Sally Peavey

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Acting Superintendent Dean Toepfer introduced Janice Thurlow, Finance Coordinator and Tom Millerd, Property Services Director.

A thank you letter to the Board and Acting Superintendent was received from Jotham Kildea for the Frink Scholarship.

Resignations: Jodi Davis, Special Education and Charlene Hill, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Retired: Judith Davis

Leaves of Absence: Donna Landry for the remainder of the year; Janet Misak from November 30, 2007 through January 2, 2008.

The Capital Improvement Plan Fifth Year was discussed. The following items will be added to year five with the board's approval. Copier Replacement \$29,000; Technology Upgrades \$37,000; Bus Replacement \$90,000; CES Black top \$35,000; and Roof Repair \$30,000 for a total of \$221,000.

Motion: To approve the Capital Improvement Plan Fifth Year 2012/2013 as presented.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: All in favor

Janice Thurlow, Finance Coordinator spoke about both the 2007/08 and 2008/09 budget. Salaries and benefits are the biggest part of the budget. It's too early to say what next year's increase will be. The increase in fuel is between 35% and 40%.

Dean mentioned what a great success the toy drive was last Saturday at Brom's Restaurant parking lot. Santa was there, as well as a lot of volunteers. Many thanks to all that contributed.

NEW BUSINESS/ POSSIBLE ACTION

Tom Millerd, Property Services Director gave a status overview on the sewage problem. The pumps are running. A spare pump would be handy if ever an electrical surge occurs. He and the Facilities Subcommittee discussed what took place at the subcommittee meeting prior to the regular meeting.

The 2008 Board of Education Meeting Calendar was discussed.

Motion: To approve the 2008 Board of Education Calendar.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: All in favor

It was suggested that the Nov. 18th date be changed to Nov. 12, 2008.

Motion: To amend the 2008 Board of Education Calendar to change the Nov. 18th date to Nov. 12, 2008.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: Vote all favor

Motion: To approve the 2008/2009 Budget Schedule dates.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

The Lowe's Grant for the CES playground was discussed by Catherine Ferguson.

Motion: To approve the Lowe's foundation grant request for \$25,000 for the enhanced playground project.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

DISTRIBUTIONS

Canterbury enrollment has gone up with the addition of 25 new placements for Pre-Kindergarten as well as 5 new students.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from the audience of visitors.

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Administrative Assistant's salary – possible action.

By: Sally Peavey

Seconded: Kim Coombs

Vote: Larry Simons

Motion: To come out of executive session at 9:50 pm.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board