

CANTERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING

February 13, 2007
7:00 p.m.

DRAFT

Ray Sulich Jr., called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 13, 2007 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Ray Sulich Jr., Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Carl Thurlow, and Aaron Spruance (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

Absent: Pat Arnio

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Discussion. The following items were asked to be included.

Motion: To add under Executive Session 11. b. Negotiations.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To add under New Business 6. b. "Discussion of early retirement incentives."
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To add under New Business item 6. a. District Reorganization and make b. Budget CES and DHBMS and new b. above would be 6.c. Discussion of early retirement incentives".
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote Yes: Heather DeLuca, Ray Sulich, Jr., Aaron Spruance, Carl Thurlow, Sally Peavey
Abstained: Kimberly Coombs

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience of citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of 1-18-07.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Under "New Business" last sentence of first paragraph to change the word "Edovcate" to "Edvocate".

Vote Yes: Sally Peavey, Ray Sulich, Kimberly Coombs, Carl Thurlow, Aaron Spruance
Abstained: Heather DeLuca

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of 1-23-07.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Discussion. Under "New Business" the word "Administration" should be changed to "Administrators" in the first sentence of the second paragraph. Also the last motion should be to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The resignation of Melissa Jacobs, Guidance Counselor at DHBMS.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board heard a presentation by Mr. Nick Caruso, from CABE, regarding the district and reorganization.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about the budget for CES. The proposed budget is 10.4% more than last year's budget. This is based on projections for one less Grade 1 teacher, and an increase from .2 to .5 for a Technology Teacher. Because of these anticipated changes, the insurance will increase. Money was also added back for professional development as we have many new young teachers who are taking courses and our grant money is diminishing. The proposed budget increase for DHBMS is 21.4% more than last year's budget. Personnel costs account for over 50% of this increase. Dr. Suplicki wants to make sure that we have enough qualified teachers for the 7th grade because the current 6th grade class is so large she is recommending an additional teacher for grade 7 next year. There are also contractual obligations such as salary increases. Utility costs, maintenance cost and substitute costs are also continuing to rise.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

The budget has been carefully reviewed. We have been able to un-encumber special education tuition money. We will be ordering library books, software, text books and the Open Court series as well as needed supplies.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities Budget Changes: The current budget changes reflect the movement of the custodians to the Facilities budget. The gym floor contract was forgotten in the facilities maintenance line (43002).

District Budget Changes: Our semi final tuition cost from Woodstock is \$10,300. We are getting a better idea of where students will be going. We are still waiting for Ellis Tech to release their acceptance list.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The Board reviewed the list of schools on the DRG (District Reference Group). Canterbury is listed under DRG F.

February enrollment continues to decline slightly.

We have spent \$6,200 of our \$8,000 retainer to Sullivan and Schoen.

RECOGNITIONS OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience.

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:02 p.m. for discussion of non renewal of staff and negotiations.

By: Sally Peavey

Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To adjourn executive session at 10:02 p.m.

By: Carl Thurlow

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To non-renew Marianne Byrne, Louise Fletcher and Sarah Boyd
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Aaron Spruance
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.
By: Carl Thurlow
Seconded: Aaron Spruance
Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board