

Ray Sulich Jr., Vice Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education in order at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 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, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow, and Dr. Sandra Suplicki, Superintendent

ABSENT:

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda of July 11, 2006

Item 4 second word should be "vacant" and not "vacate".

Dr. Suplicki added under Superintendent's Report/Possible Action; letter b. Schedule a special board meeting for discussion of a legal **matter**. Dr. Suplicki also added under New Business item c. Discussion of policies regarding Board officers. Kim Coombs added b. under old business, status of non-union contracts.

Motion: To accept the agenda of July 11, 2006 as amended.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience.

FILL VACANT CHAIRPERSON'S POSITION

The position of Board Chair is open because Lorna Champagne resigned effective July 7, 2006. Discussion as to the correct procedure **was** discussed. The Board policies contradict each other. The Board attorney recommended electing a new chair.

MOTION: To nominate Ray Sulich, Jr. as Chairperson.
By: Patricia Arnio
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote yes: Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow

Ray Sulich, Jr. is the new Chairperson for the Canterbury Board of Education.

MOTION: To nominate Sally Peavey as Vice-Chair.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote Yes: Patricia Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr.
Vote No: Carl Thurlow
Abstained: Sally Peavey

Sally Peavey is the new Vice-Chairperson for the Canterbury Board of Education.

DISCUSS VACANT BOE POSITION

There is a vacant spot on the Board of Education that needs to be filled. A legal notice with a request from the community is required. There was much discussion about the timeline for filling this position.

Ray Sulich, Jr. called for a 5 minute recess at 7:20 p.m.
Ray Sulich, Jr. called the meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m.

During this recess, Dr. Suplicki retrieved the State Statute from her office. Pat Arnio thought that 30 days was the limit. A notice would be placed in this Sunday's newspaper for the opening. A special meeting was planned for July 31, 2006 at 7 p.m. for interviews.

MOTION: To set a special meeting on July 31, 2006 at 7 p.m. to interview candidates for the vacant BOE position.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Patricia Arnio
Vote: All in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 27, 2006 as presented.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Sally Peavey

The first page had a typo under the approval of minutes. "Thid policy" should be "this policy". Under New Business the first paragraph should read: The district is doing well with the budget. The June bills will be paid as received. We will pay all of the 05/06 bills that are presented prior to the close of the fiscal year. Bills received after the close of the 05/06 fiscal year will be paid out of the 06/07 school district budget." Next paragraph second sentence should be "we would get three proposals" instead of "there would get three proposals".

MOTION: To accept the changes to the June 27, 2006 meeting as amended.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

Discussion. Dr. Suplicki said that the motion of the May 23, 2006 meeting was amended to read that the excess cost of the bus would be taken from CIP. It was actually correct as written. CIP money will be used first, but the excess will come from local funds. The record should be corrected to reflect this information.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of May 23, 2006 as amended.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Job descriptions were discussed for the Nurse Supervisor and the Bookkeeper/ Accounts Payable positions. Dr. Suplicki explained that even though the position for Bookkeeper/Accounts Payable was eliminated, we should update the job description.

MOTION: To approve the updated nurse supervisor job description.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote: All in favor

MOTION: To approve the Bookkeeper/Accounts Payable job description.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Kim Coombs suggested that this matter be tabled for the next meeting.

MOTION: To table the Bookkeeper/Accounts Payable job description and clean it up for the next board meeting.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Vote: All in favor

MOTION: For a special meeting to discuss legal matters.
By: Patricia Arnio
Seconded: Kim Coombs

Dr. Suplicki said that she would e-mail the attorneys. A date was discussed.

MOTION: For a special meeting to discuss legal matters on July 31, 2006 from 6 – 7 p.m.
By: Patricia Arno
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Suplicki reported that the books do not close on this fiscal year until July 31, 2006. This allows us to continue paying the June bills. The bills are being paid weekly.

All non-union contracts that expired on June 30, 2006 have been renegotiated and signed in accordance with the Board's direction.

NEW BUSINESS

The policy committee met and continued with the 4000s. The committee hopes to meet a couple of times this summer.

The Facilities Committee had a "Paint Party" and only two people showed up. They were able to do about a third of the hallway and it looks so good. Kim Coombs requested that dates of such events be posted on the front bulletin board. There is a Facilities Committee meeting this Thursday, July 13, 2006.

Discussion on board vacancies **were** discussed. The policy needs to look at line 9122 **followed**.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The educational technology plan was reviewed. The plan does meet the standards and criteria outlined by the Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Program and the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about a draft copy of the CT State Board of Education Five Year Comprehensive Plan.

RECOGNITIONS OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from visitors.

MOTION: To adjourn into executive session at 8:43 a.m.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

The Board came out of executive session at 10:25 PM

Motion: To adjourn at 10:26 PM.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board