

Lorna Champagne, Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 13, 2006 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow, and Dr. Sandra Suplicki, Superintendent

ABSENT: None

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda of June 13, 2006.

Kim Coombs added she would like to add under "Old Business" item g. Discussion on new bus.

Motion: To accept the agenda of June 13, 2006 as amended.

By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: Unanimous

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 15, 2006.

By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Lorna Champagne

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 23, 2006.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Under Old Business, the word "local" would be replaced with CIP under the last motion regarding the two new busses. Under New Business the word "drat" would be changed to "draft" a letter to Eastconn.

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 23, 2006 as amended.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote Yes: Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow
Abstained: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Kim Coombs volunteered to write the Town Newsletter. Lorna Champagne said that she received a letter from the Canterbury Economic Development Commission regarding doing a survey and wanted input from the Board of Education. They would like that no later than 6/22/06.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Dr. Suplicki noted that we have hired Bryan Klimkiewicz as our new Pupil Personnel Director. We have also hired Jessica Rainville as the 7th grade Language Arts Teacher. Bryan will start 7/1/06.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about the CT State Department of Education Focus Monitoring Results and that she had just received a draft of the plan. The plan must be finished and submitted to the state before the end of the month.

The CPS Cafeteria balance sheet was discussed. Dr. Suplicki discussed three possible choices for the \$5,000 loan. The first would be to forgive the loan. The second would be to set up a payment plan. The third would be to demand the money back during the current fiscal period.

Motion: To forgive the cafeteria loan of \$5,000 for this fiscal year.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Discussion ensued.

Vote: All in favor

Ray Sulich, Jr. reported that he had spoken with the 1st Selectman recently. He was told that the town is buying a line striping machine. They will stripe the parking lots at no cost to the school district during the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: To approve the 06/07 school calendar.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote: All in favor

The second reading of the Policy 5141.5 wellness was discussed. This needs to be in place by 7/1/06.

Motion: To adopt the 5141.5 and 4141 second reading.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Heather DeLuca asked if there would be follow up and how would information be gathered. Dr. Suplicki said that there is a meeting periodically with the wellness committee would meet periodically.

Vote: All in favor.

Dr. Suplicki spoke about the three law firms used by most districts. Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC charged \$200 an hour. Shipman & Goodwin LLP do a lot of the towns and charge \$180 an hour for an associate and \$310 per hour for a senior partner. Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. did not give a price. The \$10,000 retainer would cover the \$200 rate per hour. Sometimes a lower price is not the best way to go. An associate may have to do research, taking a lot of time, where a senior partner would already know the law, taking no time at all.

Motion: To retain Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connor, LLC with an \$8,000 retainer for the school year of 2006/2007 for one year.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote Yes: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow
Vote No: Sally Peavey

Dr. Suplicki would like to know which goals to put in the Teacher Evaluation/Professional Development Plan. The goals can be changed later. It would be good for the new teachers to have the new handbook as well.

Motion: To approve goals in policy 0210 as the current district goals in the teacher evaluation/professional development handbook..

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote Yes: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow
Vote No: Sally Peavey

The new bus was discussed. Sandra noted that we definitely do not want to lease. Leasing is good if you need a lot of busses at one time and don't have much time. Money is available in the CIP.

BUDGET UPDATE

The May bills have been paid, said Dr. Suplicki. We are in good shape. Much discussion about where to cut the budget for next year arose.

Motion: To accept the proposed cuts and to eliminate the position of the Accounts Payable Clerk and reassign those duties to others in the business office.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote Yes: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Sally Peavey
Vote No: Carl Thurlow

DISTRIBUTIONS

The CT Department of Education Newsletter has been distributed.

The June enrollment is remarkable steady.

The State Performance Plan is to inform you of what the new indicators are. This is information that will be collected and reported in the future, said Dr. Suplicki.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from visitors.

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:33 p.m.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

The Board came out of executive session at 10:20.

Motion: To adjourn at 10:21 PM.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board