

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on March 11, 2008 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Larry Simons, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, Tom O'Rourke and Janet Tyler, Superintendent

Absent: Ray Sulich Jr.

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve the amended agenda of March 11, 2008.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca

The Board added G. 2. Organization and contacting some groups in the community regarding Board of Education budgetary matters. Also added was H. New Business to discuss new committees to be formed. The remainder of the agenda would be re-lettered.

Vote: All in favor

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from an audience of visitors.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – Feb. 26 and March 4, 2008

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting minutes.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Larry Simons
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Kim Coombs and Amy Labbe

Two changes to the minutes were noted. Under "Superintendent's Report/Possible Action the word objections was changed to "objectives. Under "New Business" the spelling change to Mr. Steve Orlomoski's name.

Motion: To approve the amended minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting minutes.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Kim Coombs and Amy Labbe

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of March 4, 2008.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Larry Simonds

Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

There was a CIP meeting for the town a couple of weeks. About \$35,000 was cut. It will be presented to the Board of Selectman on Wednesday for a total of \$302,750.

A facilities meeting was held on March 6, 2008. The electrical problem at the bus garage is temporarily fixed. A few roof leaks at the middle school have been corrected. The alarm system passed at Baldwin school. The MSDS management needs updating. This has not been done in a very long time. Tom is looking at doing this on-line which is user friendly and meets OSHA requirements. We will check with the town to see if they would like to partner with us and share the \$7,000 charge. This is a yearly fee.

CELETRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Brenna Phillips Grade 7 read a poem about friendship that she had authored and won best in her class. Mikayla Vertefeuille Grade 6 read a story she wrote about her great grandmother, her greatest treasure. She won first prize in the Lanter Light Contest. Both girls were congratulated.

The policy committee has been reviewing the bus referral form. A lot of great brainstorming was done. Getting together again on March 12, 2008. Other policies being looked at are home schooling, transportation and custodial coverage.

EastConn – Nothing to report. Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

CABE – Safety meeting that the governor is going to run is March 27, 2008.

CES PTO – Nothing to report.

BMS PTO – Heather finalizing the fundraiser for Wrights Mill Farm on April 26, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$65. per person. This includes a wine tasting, 5 course dinner, dessert and jazz music.

Booster Club – Kim reported the feedback from the last meeting. They thanked us for listening.

Communication/Outreach – March 20, 2008 organization meeting.

Administrators' Reports

Principals Reports for CES and Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School are much appreciated and have been well received. These reports keep us all focused and emphasize what great things we are doing for the kids.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Enrollment – Stabilized

High School Drop Out Rate – A new sheet denoting the drop out rate which is less than 1%.

2007-2008 budget update – Winding down to the end of the year.

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Proposed 2008-2009 Budget – Discussion/Adoptions

Superintendent Tyler spoke about questions regarding class size, reading to grade level, pay to play, special education, heating oil and anticipated changes in special education.

A budget re-vote from the special meeting of March 4, 2008 as directed by CABE and our attorney.

Motion: To forward the budget to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$11,192,651 for year 08-09.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Kim Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Budget outreach. – Larry and Amy to start getting a list of groups in town and when they meet in April and May so we can reach out to and speak about the budget. Historical society, Lyons club, Senior Meetings, or a Community night were a few ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

Sally reported that the buildings are getting crowded. We should start to organize a committee to start looking at our space needs. The BOE would like to hear ideas from our community members, administration, staff, and representatives from both buildings on what they think the committee should consist of. This will be placed on the agenda for a future board meeting.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from an audience of citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 8:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's goals and objectives

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of executive session at 9:30 p.m.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To adjourn executive session at 9:32 p.m.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Amy Labbe

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board