

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on May 13, 2008 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331

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

### **ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- G. Sally Peavey asked that items 2 and 3 be added to G. Unfinished and Ongoing Business/Possible Action.
2. Discussion on educational retreat.
  3. Graduation Award

Motion: To add the above items to the May 13, 2008 agenda.  
By: Kim Coombs  
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke  
Vote: All in favor

### **COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None

### **CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Pre school teacher Mrs. Normandie and 2 pre-school children Gavin and Nicole presented their projects to the Board and audience. Separately each 4 year old student stood in front of the Board of Education and the audience answering questions and describing their projects. Gavin displayed a poster of "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" and Nicole illustrated a planting project she had done. They were congratulated for their excellence. Refreshments followed.

A short recess began at 7:10 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

### **ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2008

Motion: To approve the April 22, 2008 meeting minutes.  
By: Heather DeLuca  
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.  
Vote: All in favor

#### Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

Facilities Committee: Ray reported on the Mierzejewski property. The Facility Committee feels the land is wet and unusable. The Board will speak with the family for more clarification as to the amount of acreage.

Ray also spoke about putting a camera on the roof of the BMS gym. It has been noticed that children are going onto the roof again. There is evidence of damage also. Before anyone gets hurt, he suggested that a camera could monitor activity on the roof. Carl will research this cost. Next meeting is June 5, 2008.

EASTCONN – Tom passed out flyers on teen driving safety.

CES PTO – Basket bash and craft weekend went very well.

BMS PTO – Meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>. The wine pairing dinner at Wright’s Mill Farm went very well.

BOOSTER CLUB – Coleman Brothers and a carnival was discussed for Canterbury. This would help raise funds for our Booster Club. The particulars, such as a place for the carnival, and money we would receive will be researched.

Communication/Outreach – Janet Tyler, Superintendent and Sally Peavey, Chairperson attended a meeting/discussion on the topic of our 10 year long-range planning. There was a good mix of residents at this meeting. They went over the pros and cons about what could happen in town during the next 10 years.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Enrollment – Stagnant

The students were thanked by Commissioner, Linda Schwartz and 500 veterans who live at the Connecticut State Veterans’ Home for the creative and special handmade posters and cards that were made by the students. A letter of thanks was received by the Director of Community Affairs and Volunteer Services.

Judy Davis sent a letter of her thoughts and reflections to the Board. She is retiring next month.

2007 – 2008 Budget Update. Fuel is continually looked at. We are still not getting a locked in price.  
2008 – 2009 Budget document was distributed with the updates of 4/22/08.

### **UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS**

District Space Needs - The Board needs to come up with different ideas because we are getting tight here.

Discussion on Educational Retreat – The Board is looking into the June or July time frame for an educational retreat. Sally noted that it was important that all of the Board members attend.

Graduation Award - The Board of Education presents the David S. Belden Award at graduation. This award is “Excellence in Math”. Sally will be handing this out at the ceremony.

### **RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent’s evaluation.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of executive session at 9:17 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent’s evaluation.

By: Ray Sulich

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 9:19 p.m.

By: Ray Sulich

Seconded: Larry Simons

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board