

**CANTERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 23, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

BOE Approved 6-13-06

Ray Sulich, Jr., Vice-Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on May 23, 2006 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Heather DeLuca , Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Ray Sulich Jr., Carl Thurlow (left 9:28 pm), and Dr. Sandra Suplicki, Superintendent

ABSENT: Lorna Champagne, Pat Arnio

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda of May 23, 2006.

Sally Peavey asked under "New Business": to add item e. Eastconn representative

Motion: To accept the agenda of May 23, 2006 as amended.

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
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 9, 2006 as written.

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Heather DeLuca requested a change to the Correspondence & Communications section to read "Lorna Champagne commented that the letters to Mr. Grab and the CAA were very nice.

Under Superintendent's report to add the sentence "The tutor policy was sent to the policy committee for review." Also correct the word it's to read its.

Under new business in the first paragraph the date should read "May 15, 2006"

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 9, 2006 as amended upon review of the tape.

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

The Kiducation check this quarter was given to the elementary school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

The superintendent told the Board about the resignation of the 8th grade teacher, Patrick Kirker at the end of this school year.

Dr. Suplicki also reported on the DHBMS well project. The town received a final payment from the State.

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OLD BUSINESS

The 457 Program for retirement planning was reintroduced. After discussion on this topic, Dr. Suplicki requested a motion for approval.

Motion: To approve the 457 Plan beginning in the 2006-07 school

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote yes: Unanimous

Dr. Suplicki requested a vote on the Substitute Pay schedule for the next three school years.

Motion: To set the substitute pay scale at \$ 85 for all three years with a \$ 10 increase for certified teachers only after 25 days of consecutive or non consecutive service in a school year.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: NO: Carl Thurlow
YES: Ray Sulich, Jr., Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kim Coombs

The superintendent told the board that references had been checked on the bid for the parking lot striping and asked the board for approval of this project. The Board decided that further investigation now be done. They are asking the C Hagen look into the cost of materials and renting a machine.

Motion: To table the striping job at the present time until further investigation is completed.

By: Carl Thurlow
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: Unanimous

Dr. Suplicki brought the to board's attention, the school bus bid that recently took place. The request is to reward the bid to Dattco Busses.

Motion: To award the bid for two new busses, one for the 2005-06 school year and one for the 2006-07 school year to Dattco, with excess cost to be paid for from the local budget.

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Suplicki reported our budget was still in the black. The district is currently in the process of encumbering and unencumbering monies at the end of the year. The decrease in the balance is due to the special education grants that pay for the instructional assistants being fully expended. We unencumbered \$ 4,700 from special education transportation.

The superintendent asked that 1st reading status be given to the 2006-07 School Calendar.

Motion: To give first reading status to the 2006-07 school calendar

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote: Unanimous

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Dr. Suplicki requested that the technology grant for the school years 2006 – 2009 school years be approved.

Motion: To approve the Technology Grant for 2006-09 school year.

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote yes: Unanimous

The facilities committee reported that the showers in the locker rooms are being worked on and that the management companies are being explored. The company would assess the building needs and make recommendations.

Kim Coombs reported that she is unable to fulfill the obligation of the Eastconn representative for the district. No other board member volunteered for this position. The Board asked the Superintendent to **draft** a letter to Eastconn about the time of the meeting being inconvenient.

Motion: To table the Eastconn representative opening until a future meeting

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: Unanimous

DISTRIBUTIONS

The honor rolls from Woodstock Academy and Griswold High School were given.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISTORS

The Board heard comments from visitors.

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:15 p.m.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote: Unanimous

The Board came out of executive session at 10:30 PM.

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To adjourn at 10:30 PM

By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board