

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. on September 11, 2007 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

IN ATTENDANCE: Carl Thurlow, Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Pat Arnio, Kimberly Coombs, Aaron Spruance and Dean Toepfer, Acting Superintendent

ABSENT: Ray Sulich, Jr.

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dean Toepfer noted that he would like to add under 7. New Business/Possible Action item c. Water Treatment Proposal.

Motion: To add item 7. c. Water Treatment Proposal and approve the amended addition to the agenda of September 11, 2007.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To table the approval of the regular and special meeting minutes of August 14, 2007 until the next BOE meeting of September 25, 2007.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote in favor: All in favor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

We have met our yearly progress for "No Child Left Behind". One third of the schools in the state failed to meet this progress and we are in the two thirds that met it. Our participations rate is 100%. The proficiency rate for Math was 74% and unadjusted at 91%. Confidence level in this test is 97%. The state said that in Reading we should be at 70% and we are at 74.3%. Every year these stakes go up a certain percent. By 2012 every school in the state should be at 100%.

Enrollment is up from a projected total of 566 to an actual total of 582.

The budget update final figures for 2006-2007 are: Central Office over budget by \$25,399.27. Baldwin was over budget of \$105,885.75. CES was over budget \$12,304.21. Transportation was under budget by \$49,291.24. Facilities was over budget \$741.74. District \$6,387.69. Board of Education was over budget \$7,002.72. The special education budget was under by \$ 272,199.88. The Board of Education returned \$ 163,769.74 to the Town. Most of the overages came from the following: a replacement teacher that was hired for and additional \$18,000, Reg. Ed was \$4,000

over, Computer Technology \$2,000, the non-certified receptionist position \$5,000, supplies such as smart boards, paper, desk etc., came to \$12,000. Instructional supplies in Social Studies, Language Arts, Math and Music. A balance beam and other sports equipment. Equipment in Home Economics such as a copier, refrigerator, range, washer and dryer and activities tables.

Dean said we may have a Spanish teacher for Baldwin school.

Our Facilities Director resigned. An advertisement will be in the local papers.

New staff appointments are: Robert Gernhard as a maintenance worker and Janice Thurlow as Finance Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

The superintendent search update indicated there will be a focus group after school on Thursday, 9/13/07 with the teachers and then again for the community at 6:30 p.m. in the library of DHBMS.

Four people said they would be going to the CABA conference. Pat Arnio expressed interest in attending. Several board members noted how outstanding and informative it is. Dean Toepfer suggested Pat obtain the paperwork and submit as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS/ POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board spoke about a request by Judy Davis to waive her last 3 months of contractual service. It was felt that it would be in the children's best interest to start off the new school year with a new teacher instead of Mrs. Davis leaving after just 3 months into a new school year to complete her 30 year contract.

Motion: To waive the last 3 months of Ms. Davis' contract for her post retirement insurance benefits having completed 30 years of service to the Canterbury school district.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote Yes: Pat Arnio, Heather DeLuca, Carl Thurlow, Aaron Spruance, Kim Coombs
Vote No: Sally Peavey
Vote Passed

Dean spoke about the blacktop and the major drainage problems that exist by the playground. At this time he cannot make a recommendation because many problematic issues exist. The patching of holes was done last year and when the weather gets cold there are several areas with ice problems. Weeds are growing out of the blacktop which is also very unsightly. Repair work needs to be done to some timber as well. The Highway Department is willing to help us with this big project.

Dean Toepfer spoke about the water treatment proposal. Millenium Water LLC's proposal consists of taking over the job for 1 year. They will be doing many tests costing \$6,000 and will be taking over all responsibility for dealing with the state. They will come to the school at least once a week. They will take care of all ph levels. Five samples must be taken quarterly and then taken to the lab. They take care of all paperwork as well. Also, if a pipe breaks and we hire someone to take care of it, Millenium will come out and make sure there is no contamination.

Motion: To hire Millenium Water LLC for the 2007-2008 school year at a cost of \$6,000.
By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Aaron Spruance
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience of visitors.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:47 p.m.
By: Pat Arnio
Seconded: Carl Thurlow
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board