

BOE APPROVED 10-9-07 with changes in bold

Ray Sulich Jr. called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 25, 2007 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: Table 7. b Administrative Structure.
By: Ray Sulich Jr.
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To add item 6. d. Discussion of QVCC Middle College.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

Motion: Table 7. d. Policy Committee Charge/Responsibility.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To add 5. c. Resignations and Appointments.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the regular meeting minutes of August 14, 2007.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Sally Peavey

Discussion to change the last line of the motion in the approval of minutes of the July 10, 2007 minutes to read: "The information technology status report".

Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Pat Arnio

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of August 14, 2007.
By: Sally Peavey
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Pat Arnio

Motion: To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2007.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Motion: To approve the special meeting minutes of September 11, 2007.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Sally Peavey
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Ray Sulich, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

The Williams Scholarship was awarded to Katherine Smith.

Acting Superintendent Dean Toepfer spoke about his recommendations for the Business Office Structure. He is recommending 2.5 people. One full-time Finance Coordinator, Two .5 Clerks and a .5 Facilities Clerk. The thought of bringing payroll back was also pondered.

Motion: To transfer \$13,884 to cover the cost of the Business Office.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

Resignations: Stephanie Walters, Paraprofessional
Appointments: Louise Scanlon, Spanish Teacher

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 9325(a) was discussed by Ray Sulich, Jr. A "Consent Agenda" was discussed and described by Ray as a method of streamlining the agenda. Also the following two suggestions will be sent to the policy committee.

1. A participant must be recognized by the Board Chair and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, and place of residence.
2. In the case of a non-agenda item, citizens are requested, but not required, to present the matter to the Superintendent of Schools, or district staff member in an attempt to resolve the matter beforehand.

Policy Adoption – Series 5000 partial revote has added the following in the motion:

Motion: "Be it resolved: That upon the recommendation of the Policy Review committee and the superintendent of schools, the Canterbury Board of Education rescinds all policies contained in its current Board of Education Policy Manual, Partial Section 5000, Board Bylaws and adopts in its place the revised Canterbury Public Schools, Bylaws of the Board, partial series 5000 up to 5141.229 Infectious Diseases, as presented."
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Pat Arnio
Vote: All in favor

Carl Thurlow gave a report on the facilities committee meeting. In "Old Business" it was reported that the elevator was being worked on. In "New Business" volunteers will be needed for certain areas in need of painting. A possibly date would be Columbus Day weekend. The Gym Roof needs monitoring. Children continue to climb on the roof. Also drainage was discussed as water is coming into the building near the Gym area. The Board was pleased with the Facilities Committee Minutes. Ray noted that this should be a standing committee and not just an "Ad Hoc" committee. The next Facilities Committee meeting will be on September 27, 2007.

Motion: To add to the agenda 6. d. The formal formation of a standing facility committee and to move QVCC Middle College discussion to become 6.e.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Aaron Spruance

Vote: All in favor

Motion: Formally form a standing facilities committee.

By: Aaron Spruance

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

The Facility Committee appointments will consist of Sally Peavey, Carl Thurlow, Dean Toepfer, Ray Sulich Jr., community members and a director to be determined.

Motion: To **amend** the motion to **formation** of the standing facilities committee to include, mandate and act as a conduit to the community and the district facilities department to facilitate recommendations for inclusion in the CIP and garner support within the community for the maintenance of the district facility.

By: Aaron Spruance

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Sally spoke about the QVCC Middle College. It brings these kids into a smaller setting. It's one more opportunity to keep the dropout rate low.

NEW BUSINESS/ POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion: To accept the Kiducation check in the amount of \$82.50.

By: Pat Arnio

Seconded: Kim Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To table addressing the agenda format.

By: Aaron Spruance

Seconded: Pat Arnio

Vote: All in favor

Dean Toepfer spoke of a few new legislations. The general fund appropriation went up about 11%. Because of all the work of the teachers and staff, we met Average Yearly Progress under No Child Left Behind, did well. In-school suspension was addressed.

Motion: The Board of Education is authorizing Acting Superintendent Dean Toepfer to sign the Connecticut State Department of Education and Bureau of Health and Nutrition form.

By: Pat Arnio

Seconded: Sally Peavey

DISTRIBUTIONS

Canterbury Tales August edition is out. The CSDE pamphlet has a lot of good information. Dean Toepfer congratulated our students at NFA who made the honor roll.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from the audience of visitors.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

By: Pat Arnio

Seconded: Carl Thurlow

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board