

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m. on July 10, 2008 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, Ct. 06331

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

Absent: Heather DeLuca

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2008

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2008.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote Yes: Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, Tom O'Rourke
Abstained: Ray Sulich, Jr. and Larry Simons

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

Community Conversations about Educational Grant: The topic of this grant was reported by Janet Tyler, Superintendent. She said that this grant will be meeting the needs of children in the global economy. This grant would be a stepping stone if we receive it because it follows along with the Board's goal. It's also another way of reaching out to the community. We've submitted the grant application and will know if we won it around the September, 2008 timeframe.

Budget 2008 – 2009: The Board of Finance is requesting cuts in the amount of \$290,711. The superintendent went through the recommended budget cuts.

Motion: To accept the recommended budget cuts of \$290,711 for the 2008-2009 school year.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote: No

Much discussion ensued. It was realized that the actual cuts were \$17,389 short of the amount of \$290,711.

Motion: To accept the recommended budget cuts of \$308,100 for the 2008-2009 school year.
By: Kimberly Coombs
Seconded: Tom O'Rourke
Vote Yes: Ray Sulich, Jr., Tom O'Rourke, Kim Coombs, Amy Labbe, Sally Peavey
Vote No: Larry Simons
Vote Passes

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

Impact of non-renewed teachers: Janet Tyler stated that the recommended cuts to the budget did not affect any of the 6 non-renewed teachers.

Motion: To renew the contract of all non tenured teachers who have not already been renewed, pending the approval of the Board Attorney.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Sally Peavey noted that the Board of Education had received a gift of a digital recorder with a stack of CD's from Canterbury resident Mrs. Kildea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 9:28 p.m. for the purpose of the superintendent's contract.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of executive session at 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of the superintendent's contract.
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 10:12
By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Larry Simons
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board