

Sally Peavey called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on June 10, 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. (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) and Janet Tyler, Superintendent.

Absent: Larry Simons, Tom O'Rourke (available for a conference call during executive session only).

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Three groups of students were applauded for their fundraising.

The National Junior Honor Society and 7th graders joined Parish Hill to form a team for *Relay for Life*. The Canterbury/Parish Hill Team raised \$2,655 and won the bronze recognition.

The Community Service Organization is a group of 8th graders who raised money from the school store, site night donation, and by volunteering at the book fair. Their donations went to Locks of Love, the Tommy Toy Fund, and other needy organizations.

A student initiated group of 6th grade students volunteered to support the March of Dimes. They made posters, collected donations, and shared their ideas with the sixth grade homerooms. They raised \$365.61.

The Board took a short recess at 7:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2008

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of May 27, 2008.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

This motion was tabled until the next Board meeting on June 24, 2008 due to not enough voting members in attendance that were present at the May 27 meeting.

Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

Facilities Committee – The meeting was held last Thursday. Alisa and Mark Mizejewski and Bob DeLuca, a civil engineer, were in attendance. The parcel is 8-10 acres directly behind the school. The only part that is somewhat flat is behind the tennis court. There is a large area of water somewhere in the middle of the parcel. The Board is getting a lot more insight into this property.

Other items discussed at the facilities meeting were: the shutdown plans, the custodians' summer cleaning plans, painting hallways and some classrooms at DHBMS, and asbestos removal.

The committee also renamed the Maintenance Shed to Facilities Building.

CES PTO – Tom was absent to report.

BMS PTO – They are trying to determine what will be the focus next year. A few possible family events may be: Family Feud, and Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader.

Communications/Outreach – Nothing to report.

Woodstock Summit – Janet Tyler, Superintendent and Sally Peavey were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

CES Principal's Report for June was very informative giving news on Safety Drills, School Readiness Grant 2008-2009, CES Assembly, Family Events, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten celebrations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

- Enrollment – Fairly consistent.
- Resignations – Linda Gault and Nancy Belden.
- Cafeteria Prices – There will be a \$.25 increase except milk, which will increase \$.10; Lunches at DHBMS will be \$2.50 and CES \$2.25. The adult lunch will be \$3.25.
- 2007-2008 Budget Update – Still in flux. The Board is exploring the benefits of leasing vs. buying copiers outright.
- 2008-2009 Budget Update – The recommended cuts included .2 of a Music Teacher's position at CES. Baldwin will relinquish the Reading Teacher. In Pupil Services, the Special Education Teacher will be changed to a part time Educational Assistant. More diagnostic services will be done in house. At least one bus run will be dropped from the transportation budget. The proposed cuts amounted to \$155,371.00.

Motion: To approve the 2008-2009 cuts in the amount of \$155,371.00, reflecting the identified changes.

By: Kim Coombs

Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Discussion ensued and other scenarios were brought up. The Board discussed the Superintendent's proposed cuts. After discussing the importance of maintaining staff versus capital improvements, although necessary the following items were recommended to address the \$155,312 reduction to the BOE budget.

BMS

Account Number	Description	Amount
11110	Reading Teacher	47,944
21008	Group Insurance	23,231

Pupil Services

Account Number	Description	Amount
11141	Replace Spec Ed Teacher for Educational Assistant	31,924
11208		
21014	Group Insurance	23,231
32301	Psychological Services Pk-8	500
32303	Psychological Services 9-12	895
32306	Diagnostic Eval 9-12	896
32310	Diagnostic Eval Pk-8	500

Transportation

Account Number	Description	Amount
11242	Bus run (2 ½ hours)	7,579

Maintenance

Account Number	Description	Amount
43001	Repair Maint/Facilities K-4	1,000
43002	Repair Maint/Facilities 5-8	1,000
61304	Maintenance Supplies K-8	3,000

TOTAL DEDUCTION \$141,700

Total Proposed BOE Budget 2008-09 \$11,002,996

CIP Budget 2008-09

Project Title	Proposed Plan	Revised Plan
Copier Replacement	10,000	0
Maintenance Facility	35,000	31,388

TOTAL CIP DEDUCTION \$13,612

Total Proposed CIP School Department Budget 2008-09 \$289,138

Vote yes: Kim Coombs, Heather DeLuca, Amy Labbe, Sally Peavey

Vote no: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Vote Passes

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

Bus Drivers Request – The bus drivers do not wish to re-open their contract. They will leave things as they are.

RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board heard comments from an audience of visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To move into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. Personnel – Pending CHRO claim by former district employee.
2. Personnel – Non renewal: Special Education Director.
3. Personnel – Discussion of BOE Attorney written correspondence on issues concerning non-renewal of non-tenured teachers.
4. Superintendent's evaluation

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

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

Motion: To come out of Executive Session at 10:44

By: Kim Coombs
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

Sally Peavey reconvened the Canterbury Board of Education public meeting to order at 10:46 p.m. on June 10, 2008.

IN ATTENDANCE: Heather DeLuca, Sally Peavey, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, Ray Sulich Jr., and Janet Tyler, Superintendent.

Motion: The BOE authorizes the Superintendent to offer a contract to Bryan Klimkiewicz for the position of Special Education Director for the 2008-2009 school year.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Vote: All in favor

Motion: The BOE authorizes the Superintendent to offer contracts to the three and four year Non-renewed teachers for the school year 2008-2009.

By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kim Coombs
Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 10:50

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Amy Labbe
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board