

APPROVED 10/14/08

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: Heather DeLuca, Kimberly Coombs, Amy Labbe, Ray Sulich, Jr., Tom O'Rourke and Janet Tyler, Superintendent

Absent: Larry Simons, Sally Peavey

Tom O'Rourke called the Canterbury Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on September 23, 2008 in the media center at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331.

B. ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: To add School Social Studies American History Program to letter E, d.
By: Ray Sulich, Jr.
Seconded: Heather DeLuca
Vote: All in favor

C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None.

D. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes - September 9, 2008: In the Motion to change 7:00 p.m. minutes of August 12, 2008 under Unfinished and Ongoing Business/Possible Action last paragraph to read: Heather, Tom, and Sally agreed to be on the negotiations committee for the administrators' contract.

Unfinished and ongoing business item two, the meeting location should be Hamden, not Hampton.

Superintendent's Report: number three: name corrections should be Ferguson and add Kathleen's last name Boyhan-Maus. Number four add Bryan's last name Klimkiewicz.

Motion: To approve the September 9, 2008 meeting minutes.
By: Heather DeLuca
Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
Vote: All in favor
Abstained: Amy Labbe

2. Board of Education Committee/Meeting Reports

- a. EASTCONN – Tom O'Rourke attended a meeting at EASTCONN today. Elsa Nunez, President of Eastern CT State University, discussed establishing collaborations with EASTCONN and sending towns; presentation included new strategic plan which ties into the community with early childhood preparation and college programs for all students. CT State Department of Education discussed funding issues for this coming year and budget priorities with primary focus on early childhood education, high school reform, and support for English language learner programs. Information on EASTCONN's programs was distributed.

- b. CES PTO – Nothing to report.
- c. BMS PTO – Heather DeLuca didn't attend but was updated that it was a disappointing turnout by parents. A sheet was available at Open House which parents were able to sign up for upcoming fundraising events. Sherrie Horstmeyer will ask teachers what they need. The PTO will donate \$1000 to the eighth grade class to defray cost of the expenses to the students.
- d. BOOSTER CLUB – Kimberly Coombs reported that new rules have been implemented; communication is good. There was a good turnout for the car wash, not sure on the yard sale. Want to include all coaches, including track to participate on the Booster Club.

Ray Sulich, Jr., shared there are new and significant changes to the GI Bill for Gulf War Veterans which provides free tuition. The BOE would like to get the information to the public. Kim suggested putting the information in the Town newsletter.

E. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Communication/Website: Janet Tyler - two weeks ago discussed enhancing communication. Ray Sulich, Jr. pointed out that there is a new law which states that audio minutes should be available to the public. The audio minutes will be included on the school website.

The CSDE sent the Adequate Yearly Progress for NCLB to the district; most of Canterbury student scores in math and reading were in the ninetieth percentile, with the middle school scores in the ninety-five percentile. This information will be posted on the website, Town Library, and Town Hall.

Kathleen Boyhan-Maus prepared a brochure with information on the CMT scores and how we compared to other districts.

- b. 2008-2009 Budget: The report will be presented in two formats beginning October 2008.
- c. Capital Improvement Plan Budget 2013-2014 is due to the First Selectman on September 29, 2008 CIP Budget. Large ticket items included: BMS Blacktop \$20,000 and BMS Grounds & Recreation (Athletic field and playground) \$10,000. Change to the budget: Buses \$200,000. Total of budget changed to \$532,500.

Motion: To send the Capital Improvement Budget for 2013-2014 for a total of \$532,500.
 By: Ray Sulich, Jr
 Seconded: Kimberly Coombs
 Vote: All in favor

- d. Kathleen Boyhan-Maus discussed the integrated approach being used to educate children in Social Studies, grades seven and eight.

F. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

No new business.

G. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Six locker bids were presented.

Motion: To approve bid by Big Dog in the amount of \$18,293.55.
 By: Ray Sulich, Jr
 Seconded: Heather DeLuca

Vote: All in favor

H. RECOGNITION OF AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The board heard comments from visitors in the audience.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Educational Assistants' Contract/Side Bar Letter

Motion: To adjourn into executive session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of Educational Assistants' Contract/Side Bar Letter.

By: Kimberly Coombs

Seconded: Amy Labbe

Vote: All in favor

Motion: To come out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion: To authorize the Chairman of the BOE to sign Side Bar Letter discussed in Executive Session with regards to Educational Assistants' contract.

By: Ray Sulich, Jr.

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

By: Tom O'Rourke

Seconded: Kimberly Coombs

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Heather DeLuca, Secretary to the Board