

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Date: February 13, 2018
Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approved 3-20-2018

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Vivian Thumser; Chairperson, John Gentry, Vice-Chairperson; Nancy Duvall; Secretary, Walt Petruniw, Leticia Velasquez, Tom Dufort, Bridgett LaBrecque

Others Present: Jodi Davis, Acting Superintendent; Ryan Earley, BMS Principal; Sarah Cary, Principal; and Janice Thurlow, Finance Director

B. Special Purpose/Recognition

None

C. Comments from Visitors

Bob Noiseux asked the Board to consider Mr. Petruniw as the BOE representative of the Canterbury Efficiency Study Group. He also suggested that the Board layout three different budget proposals, this way the town would understand what additional cuts would take place if the budget is voted down.

D. Presentations and Actions

1. 2017-2018 School Calendar (make up snow days)

Motion: To accept changes to the 2017-2018 school calendar by adding February 20th as a school day, March 9th as an early dismissal day for students and .5 professional development day for staff. Decrease school days from 181 to 180 school days.

By; Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

All in favor

Motion Passes

2. 2018-2019 School Calendar

Motion: To accept the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented.

By: John Gentry

Second: Tom Dufort

All in Favor

Motion passes

3. 2018-2019 School Budget

The Board will discuss the 2018-2019 school budget further at the next Budget Workshop.

4. Policies First Read

- a. Policy 5141.3 Health Assessments & Immunizations
- b. Policy 4111 Recruitment and Selection
- c. Policy 4112.2 Certification
- d. Policy 6146.2 Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations
- e. Policy 2141 Recruitment & Appointment of Superintendent
- f. Policy 3541.3 Transportation -Routes and Service
- g. Policy 5125 Student Records; Confidentiality
- h. Policy 4131 Staff Development
- i. Policy 6111 School Calendar
- j. Policy 5141.4 Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect & Sexual Assault
- k. Policy 9230 New Board Member Orientation
- l. Policy 5113 Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
- m. Policy 5113.2 Introduction and Definitions
- n. Policy 6172.1 Gifted Children Program

Motion: To accept the above policies a-n as a first read.

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Nancy Duvall

All in favor

Motion passes

E. Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board

1. Canterbury Efficiency Study Group (CESG)-Purpose

Ms. Thumser asked First Selectman Lippke (in the audience) if he received an email from Dr. Knapton regarding changing the name of the Monthly Communication Group meeting. Mr. Lippke stated he has not read his email as he was not in Town today.

Mt. Petruniw said that the Monthly Communication Group was an informal group.

Ms. Thumser also discussed the Canterbury Efficiency Study Group and having it as a public meeting and report to the new group formerly called the Monthly Communication Group Meeting.

The Board will bring back the discussion at the next BOE meeting.

2. Parent Letters

Ms. Thumser received three letters from parents regarding the music program and how important it is for the students.

3. Roof Committee

Mr. Petruniw said he will attend an upcoming BOF meeting and present updated information regarding BMS roof.

4. Policy Committee

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 12:30 p.m. If possible have the time changed to the morning.

5. Facility Committee

No new information

6. EASTCONN Committee

Mr. Petruniw will distribute information at the next BOE meeting.

7. Paraeducator Negotiations Update

The February 20th negotiation meeting was cancelled.

8. Superintendent's Comments

a. Enrollment

Holding steady.

b. Administrator's Report

Mrs. Davis stated the Administrators' report is in the Canterbury Town Newsletter.

c. 2017-2018 Budget

Currently a surplus of \$14,000.

d. Additional Comments

Ms. Davis stated that Dr. Knapton sent a letter explaining the outcome of the Boards decision to the parent who requested that her child attend Killingly High School.

F. Consent Agendas

1. Regular Meeting Minutes-January 9, 2018
2. Policy Committee Minutes-January 29, 2018
3. Special Meeting-Budget Presentation-February 1, 2018

The above meeting minutes were approved as printed

G. Comments from Visitors

Question regarding Canterbury School Calendar and if we align it with high school calendars, Ms. Davis said “inadvertently we follow Woodstock Academy’s calendar”. Comment regarding State test scores and how the data could be shared with the public for better understanding of what the scores mean.

H. Executive Session

1. Discussion of Early Retirement Incentive Plans-Invite
Jodi Davis, Acting Superintendent and Janice Thurlow, Finance Director.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Early Retirement Incentive Plans and invite Jodi Davis, Acting Superintendent and Janice Thurlow, Finance Director.
 By: Vivian Thumser
 Second: John Gentry
 All in favor
 Motion passes

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion: To authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the BOE the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Plan for Paraeducator and Custodians.
 By: John Gentry
 Second: Walt Petruniw
 All in favor
 Motion passes

I. Adjournment

Motion To adjourn at 8:08 p.m.
 By: Walt Petruniw
 Second: Leticia Velasquez
 All in Favor
 Motion passes

Respectfully submitted (on behalf of the Board via audio-recording) by:

Dottie Horn
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent