

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Approved June 12, 2018

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: John Gentry

Others Present: Dr. Lois DaSilva-Kantpon, Superintendent; Ryan Earley, BMS Principal; Sarah Cary, Principal; Jodi Davis, Pupil Service Director and Janice Thurlow, Finance Director

Vivian Thumser, Chairperson called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. Special Purpose/Recognition

1. NJHS Inductees

Kim Waters, 7th/8th grade teacher introduced the NJHS inductees to the Board.

Eighth Grade Inductees:

Nicole Davidson, Maximillian Hillyer, Norman Warcholic, Grayson Webber

Seventh Grade Inductees:

Trey Barrett, Caleb Bergeron, Sophia Beshaw, Ashton Croteau, Stephanie Daley, Taylor Danner, Chance Graley, Keira Hawkins, Alexis Lisee, Leila Osorio, Natalie Romano, Gianna Smith, Jacob Smith

2. GEM Award Recipients:

a. Beth O'Connor

b. Samantha Rizer

Ryan Earley, Principal BMS introduced two teachers who have gone the extra mile: Samantha Rizer, Art teacher BMS, who coordinates the Empty Bowl project
Beth O'Connor, Intervention teacher, substituted for a teacher who was on maternity leave.

Mr. Earley also explained that the two teachers blended together and formed the Canterbury Ambassadors which bring the students together to solve school wide issues.

C. Comments from Visitors

A visitor handed out CD's to Board of Education members. The CD's contain historical footage of when Baldwin Middle School was being built and other videos from that time frame showing some of the school's history, and how important the school is to the town.

D. Presentations & Actions

1. Healthy Food Certification

Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the school under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to , school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

By: Walt Petruniw
Second: Tom Dufort
All in favor
Motion passes

Motion: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1. The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2. The sale is at the location of the event; and 3. The food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

By: Vivian Thumser
Second: Walt Petruniw
All in favor
Motion passes

2. Policies First Read

- a. Policy 4112.51/4212.5 Employment/Reference Checks
- b. Policy 0521 Nondiscrimination
- c. Policy 5118.1 Homeless Students
- d. Policy 6141.311 Limited English Proficiency Program
- e. Policy 2120 Organization Chart

Motion: To accept the above policies a-e as first read.
By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort
All in favor
Motion passes

E. Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board

1. Roof Committee

There is a Town meeting on April 16th and a referendum April 17th.

- Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall tomorrow.
- The Superintendent will host a Superintendent Cabinet on Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 pm, to discuss any questions regarding the roof replacement project; meeting will be held Baldwin School Media Center-pizza will be served.
- Ms. Thumser thanked Mr. Petruniw, the roof committee and the people in town for all their hard work.

2. Policy Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 10:30 a.m.

3. Facility Committee

- We are in the process of scheduling a Facility Committee meeting.
- Mr. Petruniw mentioned his email to the First Selectman from December had not been acted upon. He requested that the town appoint the BOE Facility committee as a town committee and possibly add some other members.
- Ms. Thumser stated she will follow-up with the First Selectman, with a letter regarding combining the BOE Facility Committee with the Town Building Committee so we can get our state reimbursement for the CES oil tank removal.

Side Note: Ms. Thumser reminded Board members of the letter she had written on March 28, 2018, regarding MBR; (it was mailed to the First Selectman, and cc'ed to the other Selectmen, Superintendent of Schools, all BOE members, and all BOF members).

4. EASTCONN

Mr. Petruniw discussed EASTCONN policies, education laws and CAPSS support.

5. Woodstock Academy BOT

Ms. Duvall stated she has attended the Woodstock Academy BOT meeting in January and there was no March meeting. She would like to know if the Board will pay any fees associated with her participation.

Motion: To have the BOE cover any fees associated with Ms. Duvall's participation on the Woodstock Board of Trustees as the Canterbury representative.

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort
All in favor
Motion passes

6. Board Governance Special Meeting April 24, 2018 6:30 p.m.

The Superintendent stated there is an open Special Meeting and our attorney, Gary Brochu will present information to the Board

7. Superintendent's Comments

a. Enrollment

We are at a negative two

b. Administrator's Report

Ms. Carey, Principal CES discussed:

- School climate
- School Assembly
- Curriculum
- Creativity Workshop
- PD survey with staff

Mr. Earley, Principal BMS discussed:

- Field trips
- Sports
- Homework Club, fitness program, craft program, cooking club
- PTO fundraiser
- Empty Bowls
- Curriculum
- 8th grade students transition into high school
- Preparing for the Smarter Balance Testing
- Technology

No State Statute or Canterbury Policy regarding having a student representative on the Board.

Ms. Davis, Pupil Service Director discussed:

- March 21st was World Down Syndrome Day
- April is Autism Awareness Day
- Budget

c. 2017-2018 Budget

The Superintendent stated that at the last meeting, the Board voted to add the \$250,000 appropriation (MBR) to the budget. Janice Thurlow discussed the 2017-18 budget including, restoring some cuts, diesel fuel, and electricity. The Superintendent and Mrs. Thurlow said they do not need all of the \$250,000 appropriation, they will need some of the Monies. At this time they cannot give an amount. Superintendent stated she is unaware of any specific legislation or house bill that is looking at MBR.

d. Bus Accident (2017) Information

- Superintendent received the police report regarding the 2017 bus

accident. The report stated the other car crossed the center line and hit our bus. We cannot get the replacement cost. The insurance company reimbursed us \$14,000 the worth of the bus at the time of the accident. We have enough money in CIP to purchase a bus.

- In response to a BOE member, Dr. Knapton explained that we currently do not have enough bus drivers. And that has forced us to contract out 2 bus runs; we are contracting with STA; they use their bus and their employee. This is costly and was not budgeted for.

e. BOF meeting April 4, 2018

This was covered in the budget discussion above.

f. Additional Comments

Motion: To accept the resignation letter from Chelsea Gromko, paraeducator as of March 30, 2018.

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Nancy Duvall

All in favor

Motion passes

F. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2018
2. BOE/BOF Joint Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2018
3. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2018

The above meeting minutes have been approved as printed By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

G. Comments from Visitors

- Mr. Droesch said regarding the referendum, you must be a property owner or be on the list of registered voters, if you want to vote.
- A citizen thanked the Board for all their hard work

H. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:41 p.m. By: Bridgette LaBrecque Second: Leticia Velasquez

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Duvall

BOE Secretary