

**CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
45 WESTMINSTER ROAD  
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT  
Special Joint Meeting with Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen**

Approved 9-12-2017

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Location: Town Hall, Community Center**

**September 6, 2017**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

In attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Walt Petruniw, Chairperson, via phone, Nancy Duvall, Secretary, Vivian Thumser, John Gentry; Christopher Lippke

Nancy Duvall called the Canterbury Board of Education (BOE) meeting to order once a quorum was established at 7:03 p.m.

Absent: Leticia Velasquez, Stephen Brown

Vivian Thumser left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Others present: Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent, Ryan Earley, BMS Principal, Sarah Cary, CES Principal, Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, Janice Thurlow, Finance Director

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. 2017-2018 BUDGET MEETING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Superintendent stated she made cuts to the 2017-18 school budget in the spring. She will bring forward additional budget cuts to the BOE on September 12, 2017.

The Board listened to concerns from parents/taxpayers regarding possible cuts to the 2017-18 school budget. A major concern was administration and how the Board should look into reducing the amount of administrators within the district. Multiple parents stated opinions regarding the need to keep student's needs first when considering budget cuts.

**D. 2017-2018 CIP BUDGET MEETING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chris Lippke, CIP Committee Chairperson discussed the CIP budget reductions. The Committee reduced the CIP by \$13,000 and made \$13,000 line item reductions to the BOE budget. Town treasurer commented that

the reduction would be illegal because the project in the amount of \$3,933 does not exist, therefore it cannot be released. This would be an illegal transaction. There was a question from a taxpayer regarding the other \$13,000 reduction. Mr. Lippke explained the reduction was coming from BOE line items Superintendent Knapton stated the BOE never approved these reductions. Mr. Lippke and Mr. Sulich believe that the BOE is not required to vote on any reductions to their CIP Budget and that the CIP Committee, with its respective representatives, have the authority to make reductions without Respective Board approval. Superintendent Knapton disagreed and stated she would bring the reduction to the next BOE meeting.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn at 8:36 p.m.  
By: John Gentry  
Second: Nancy Duvall  
All in favor  
Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Duvall, BOE Secretary