

**CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
45 WESTMINSTER ROAD
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

Approved November 14, 2017

Board of Education Meeting

October 10, 2017

**Location: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle Media Center
p.m.**

Time: 7:00

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER:

In Attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Walt Petruniw Chairperson; Nancy Duvall, Secretary; Christopher Lippke, Leticia Velasquez; John Gentry

Absent: Vivian Thumser

Late: Stephen Brown arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Others Present: Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent; Ryan Earley, BMS Principal; Sarah Cary, Principal CES, and Janice Thurlow, Finance Director

Mr. Petruniw, Chairperson, called the Canterbury Board of Education (BOE) meeting to order once a quorum was established at 7:00 pm.

B. SPECIAL PURPOSE/RECOGNITION

None

C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Joan Trivella, Area 4 Director from CABE thanked the Board for continuing their membership with CABE and wanted the Board to know that she is available if needed.

D. PRESENTATION AND ACTIONS

1. Achievement Presentation

The Superintendent and the school principals presented a powerpoint presentation on Canterbury assessment and district data. Sarah Cary, principal CES handed out material (parent fall newsletter and parent description of the Map growth test). Ms. Cary discussed the growth of students in reading and mathematics. Mr. Ealey, principal BMS handed out student assessment data from the middle school and discussed curriculum based measurements.

2. CABE Journal Discussion

The Superintendent and the Board discussed the CABE Journal article regarding Connecticut General Statute 10-222 appropriations and budgets. The

Superintendent stated that Canterbury does not currently have a line item transfer procedure in place.

Motion: To have the Policy Committee and invite the finance director to review and address Ct. State Statute 10-222 Appropriations and Budgets and Canterbury Policy 3170 Budget Administration and bring a clearer version to the Board by the first meeting in January 2018 detailing a remedy to the issues surrounding Policy 3170 and our reporting of our financials.

By: Christopher Lippke

Second: John Gentry

All in favor

Motion passes

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

1. Roof Committee

Mr. Petruniw said the roof committee has not recently met. The Town has not allocated any monies to the roof due to budgetary issues.

2. Policy Committee

There is a Policy Committee Meeting scheduled October 24th.

3. Facility Committee

No matters to report. A Facility Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.

4. EASTCONN

Last meeting was the last Tuesday in September. Mr. Petruniw stated he met Gary Mala the new executive director. We are anticipating to meet again and discuss EASTCONN services. Paula Cohen presided over the last EASTCONN meeting and was retiring. They had farewell party for her for her many years of service..

5. Ad Hoc Administration Staffing

Leticia Velasquez stated there is a meeting scheduled for November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

6. Superintendent's Comments

a. Enrollment

The Superintendent reviewed the October 1, 2017 enrollment showing an increase of five students from October 1, 2016.

Dr. Knapton stated that our high school enrollment has gone up and next year we will owe more HS tuition than we don now.

b. Administrator's Report

The administrators report are as follows:

- Curriculum aspects
- Technology
- Climate

Both schools are using the non- testing on chromebooks.
CES had an assembly on Oct. 5th, bingo night Oct 20th, and a Family event.

BMS -NWEA assessment, fundraiser, pep rally, and student vs. teacher kick ball game. Mr. Earley added the students are taking on role of civic contribution and a collection drive for a little girl at Yale who is battling cancer. Other students want to participate in theatre and creating a 20 minute version of *The Little Mermaid*.

c. 2017-2018 Budget

The Superintendent discussed the 2017-2018 budget. The Board of Finance is allowing the BOE to spend a certain percent of the Budget. We are allowed to spend \$3,900,160, we have \$1,654.520 remaining money to spend with the cap the BOF has given us. We are good for this month, but if we have to stay at this level we will be challenged. Mrs. Thurlow explained why we could be challenged, she explained how the high school tuition is paid and that there is 3 pay periods in November.

D. Additional Comments

The Board discussed the possible placement recycling donation (old) clothing bins. That the town will be getting a couple of bins for collection of old clothing, and the town will in return receive about a \$100 a ton. The Superintendent should let the First selectman know that the school property is not the right placement for these buns. No further action was taken by the Board on this topic.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular meeting minutes – September 12, 2017
The regular meeting minutes were approved as printed
2. Emergency BOE Meeting September 19, 2017
Amend BOE Emergency meeting to read:

This Emergency meeting was a necessary action due to the fact that the town hall was closed Friday, therefore we could not give proper notification.

G. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

By: John Gentry

Second: Leticia Velasquez

All in favor

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Duvall, BOE Secretary