**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Approved 2/26/2019

**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; Tom Dufort; Leticia Velasquez

Absent: Walt Petruniw; Bridgett LaBrecque

Others Present: Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent; Sarah Cary, Principal CES; Ryan Earley, Principal BMS; Jeff Ferranti, Pupil Service Director

Vivian Thumser called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Presentations and Actions**

1. The dates for the Ad Hoc Committees will be finalized at the next BOE meeting.
2. Healthcare for school district is with Anthem, these policies are put out to bid but historical data shows that is on the rise and this year there would be a 24.5% increase.

CT- CHIP is a health consortium with six other school districts and is a way to provide stability in health claims and costs over the long term. Instead of a group of 65, there would be a group of 500 needing insurance, allowing lower costs. Canterbury uses Anthem but the consortium chose Cigna. Cigna has agreed in writing to provide the same or better coverage than is provided by Anthem at this time.

**Motion:** to approve joining the consortium

**By:** Tom Dufort

**Second:** Leticia Velasquez

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

1. Regular BOE Meeting to be held on March 12, 2019 is scheduled to be a joint meeting between BOE and BOF. This should be postponed to allow enough time for budget preparation.

**Motion:** To reschedule the Joint BOE/BOF Meeting to April 9, 2019

**By:** John Gentry

**Second:** Tom Dufort

**All in favor**

**Motion passes**

**C. Special Purpose**

1. 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - the budget was presented to the BOE by the Superintendent. The working draft of the budget is for a 7.48% increase, which amounts to an increase of $849,777.36 over last years’ budget and makes the total budget $12,213,490.39. A large portion of the budget, 4.11%, is Special Ed related and can’t be avoided. There were many salary increases due to contract negotiations. Also, there is a suggestion to change to one Principal with a Vice-Principal for savings amounting to just under $20,000. All three high schools are increasing tuition for 2019-2020, the increases range Much more discussion is needed and will be continued on February 6th, open public discussion, as well as at the next BOE meeting on February 12, 2019.

D. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. By: John Gentry 2nd: Tom Dufort

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Duvall BOE Secretary