

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Approved 4-9-2019

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance : Vivian Thumser, Chairperson; Nancy Duvall, Secretary; Walt Petruniw; Tom Dufort; Bridgett LaBrecque,

Absent: John Gentry, Leticia Velasquez

Administration: Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent; Sarah Cary, Principal CES; Jeff Ferranti, Pupil Service Director; Michele Demicco, Director of Finance and Operations.

Guests:

Vivian Thumser called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

B. Special Purpose/ Recognition

Motion: To add Executive Session for a personnel matter on agenda at H1 and Adjournment becomes H2

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

All in favor

Motion passes

1. **BMS Students** – presentation postponed
2. **BOE Appreciation Month** - Mini cupcakes were presented for BOE members for recognition of the time they give towards their positions on the board.

C. Comments from Visitors

Resident asked why superintendents raise of 4% is so high...why not 2% to supplement the budget with the balance of the raise.

Resident asking BOE's opinion of the Bill 7139 acts concerning fiscal independence -
The testimony is on Friday at noon. Vivian will read Bill.

D. Presentations & Actions:

1. Possible In-House Forum:

Motion: To direct Chair Thumser to create an In-house Forum to discuss issues concerning survey results

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

3 – Yay 1 -Nay

Motion passes

2. **2019-2020 School Calendar (draft)** – to be brought back to next meeting for vote

3. **Killingly Vo-Ag Consultant Committee Member Appointment** – Dawn Pindell has volunteered to be the Canterbury representative for another three year term on this committee

Motion: To appoint Dawn Pindell to the Killingly Vo-Ag Consultant Committee

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

All in favor

Motion passes

4. **Resignation / Retirement Letters** – None to view

5. **BOE Retreat** – Scheduled for April 9th at 5:30

Motion: To Schedule the BOE Retreat as stated above

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Bridgette LaBrecque

All in favor

Motion passes

- 6. Budget Date Information** – the BOF has requested that the BOE attend a BOF meeting to present the budget to them at that time. Also a new directive has been received that a BOE member must present the budget to the BOF.

Motion: To direct Chairperson Thumser to present the newly approved 2019-2020 budget to the BOF meeting on April 3rd

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

All in favor

Motion passes

E. Committee Reports / Correspondence to the Board

- 1. Para-Educator Negotiations:** on track, nearing the end
- 2. Secretaries Negotiations:** on track
- 3. Copy of 2018/2019 Budget:** 80% of budget has been spent. Need to go before BOF for additional funds appropriations, \$420,000.00. Overages are predicted to be \$495K but will not ask for that much due to move outs and other changes that may arise. Excess Cost Funds go to the town and should help with this (\$40-50K). After \$78K is spent for one child, the state rebates back 68%.
- 4. Facility Committee:**
 - **Oil Tank Project** – Town Committee will be moving forward with comprising an RFP for committee review prior to be sent out to address this during the summer. Reimbursement is same as roof at 67.14%
 - **BMS Roof Project** - a conference call was held with the architects. Change orders were discussed, 12 total change orders, and with credits and additions there is still a need to increase total by \$14K.
- 5. Policy Committee:** reviewing more policies to update
- 6. EASTCONN:** next meeting at end of March
- 7. Finance Sub Committee:** the budget workshops held on 2/26 and 3/12 are to be considered the sub-committee meetings
- 8. Curriculum/Pupil Services Committee:** next meeting March 26th at 4 pm
- 9. Superintendents' Report:**

- a. Enrollment: movement but steady
- b. National Superintendent Certification Project - Meets Bi-annually in July and February. Dr Knapton is participating and is half way through the process.
- c. Additional Comments – Dr. Knapton appreciated the BOE participation in the Budget Workshop and is agreeable to the changes made to the budget.

F. Consent Agenda

- 1. Budget/Workshop Meeting minutes – February 26, 2019
- 2. Regular Meeting minutes – February 26, 2019
- 3. Facilities Committee minutes – February 26, 2019
- 4. Curriculum/Pupil Services minutes – March 5, 2019

Motion: To accept the minutes above with corrections as noted for #2 (removing motion to exit Executive Session and add bus drivers as invited guests)

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Dufort

All in Favor

Motion passes

G. Comments from Visitors

Parent asked by Admin didn't present their reports tonight as they look forward to that part of the meeting - admin reports were only done two weeks ago and did not have enough new content.

Parent asked about Bills and testimony being presented Education committee has until April 1 to submit – Regionalization Bill summary was read

Motion: To direct the BOE Chair to act on the Boards behalf in action against the Regionalization Bill for Canterbury BOE

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Bridgette LaBrecque

All in Favor

Motion passes

H. Executive Session / Adjournment

1. Executive Session:

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for Personnel matter at 8:25
By: Walt Petruniw
Second: Tom Dufort
All in Favor
Motion passes

Board exited from Executive Session at 9:14 pm.

2. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. By: Walt Petruniw 2nd: Tom Dufort

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Duvall, Secretary