

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Approved 5/14/2019

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance : Vivian Thumser, Chairperson; John Gentry, Co-Chair; Nancy Duvall, Secretary; Walt Petruniw; Tom Dufort; Bridgett LaBrecque, Leticia Velasquez;

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

Vivian Thumser called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. BOE Resignation Status

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for Resignation Status

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Walt Petruniw

All in Favor

Motion passes

Out of Executive Session at 6:27 – No Action Taken

C. 2018-2019 Budget

Still have a \$303K deficit. More students have joined the district and will report in more detail at regular Board meeting.

D. 2019-2020 Budget

Superintendent attended the BOF meeting during school vacation. There is a potential appropriation of \$220K, if approved. Last years approved budget was \$11,363,738 – BOF added the appropriation amount, making their MBR number

\$11,583,738 – BOF then motioned for BOE to cut back to that number, which requires BOE to cut additional \$309,599.00.

Motion: To reduce the 2019-2020 budget request by \$189,939, making budget \$11,703,432; which is a 2.99% increase from last year.

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Walt Petruniw

Yay: Vivian, John, Walt, Tom, Nancy

Nay:

Abstained: Leticia

Motion passes

E. Comments from Visitors

A resident asked why we were cutting so much if the \$220k appropriation will bring the amount required to cut down below that amount the BOE proposed to cut.

A teacher, Kelly Lambert, stated that she is looking into being cross certified for CSF and Gym.

A resident asked if the State of Connecticut has finalized their budget yet.

A resident is concerned about the art and music programs and how we should think about teachers being able to teach multiple classes as that may help keep our programs.

A former student expressed how he felt when he attended school and a teachers position was cut and how it affected him and how the “specials” are as much of a part of the curriculum as core classes are.

A resident explained how other towns that we send our high school students to are reducing their budgets as well. Are they decreasing their costs to Canterbury? That should be looked into.

F. Executive Session

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for Three Issues: Set Tuition Rate, Personnel Issue and School Issue

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Walt Petruniw

All in Favor

Motion passes

Out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. with the following motions made:

F. Executive Session – Set Tuition Rate

Motion: To set tuition rate at a per pupil cost and request Superintendent to respond to employee that the BOE will be following the current Tuition Policy
By: Walt Petruniw
Second: Tom Dufort
All in Favor
Motion passes

G. Executive Session – Personnel Issue

No Action was taken

H. Executive Session – School Issue

Motion: To direct the Superintendent to appraise the BOE of the continued progress on the School Issue
By: Walt Petruniw
Second: Tom Dufort
All in Favor
Motion passes

I. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. By: Walt Petruniw 2nd: Tom Dufort

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Duvall, Secretary