

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

Approved 10-10-2017

Date: September 19, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

EMERGENCY BOE MEETING

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER:

In Attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Walt Petruniw, Chairperson; Stephen Brown, Vice-chairperson; Nancy Duvall, Secretary; Christopher Lippke Leticia Velasquez; Vivian Thumser; John Gentry

Left: Christopher Lippke @6:53 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 6:05 pm.

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.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. 2017-2018 BUDGET MEETING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

The Superintendent stated the Board cut \$420,392 and brought this to the BOF, the BOF did not accept this amount and asked the Board to cut an additional \$91,226.

Mr. Petruniw read the line items to be cut:

- Staff development in Central Office \$3,000
- Curriculum Development and Administration \$11,000
- Repair and maintenance facilities \$29,000
- Special Education Equipment/technology \$2,000
- Diagnostic Evaluations \$10,000
- Utilities-electric \$5,000
- Energy-heat energy/oil \$5,000
- Transportation salaries \$5,000
- District technology \$5,226
- Furniture & training BMS \$6,000
- Course related instructional supplies at BMS \$3,000

- Course related instructional supplies at CES \$7,000

The above cuts total \$91,226. Total cuts on 9/12 were \$420,392 which bring a grand total of cut to the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$511,618.

The Superintendent stated that this was a very difficult and challenging task, and the cuts were spread out over the entire budget.

The Superintendent and the Board had a round table discussion regarding the above cuts to the 2017-2018 budget.

Motion: To cut one more day of curriculum development in the amount of \$11,000 and to allocate \$5,000 to electricity, \$5,000 to heat and \$1,000 towards diagnostic evaluations.

By: Leticia Velasquez

Second: Vivian Thumser

There was a discussion regarding the motion. Mrs. O'Connor, intervention teacher at BMS stated that this position is important in helping the students and teachers in development areas. A few Board members agreed how important it is to have a curriculum development position in the school.

Roll call vote:

Walt Petruniw no

Stephen Brown no

Nancy Duvall no

Vivian Thumser yes

Leticia Velasquez yes

John Gentry no

4-No 2 Yes

Motion failed

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's proposed recommended cuts in the amount of \$91,226 to the 2017-2018 budget.

By: Stephen Brown

Second: John Gentry

Roll call vote:

Walt Petruniw yes

Stephen Brown yes

Nancy Duvall yes

Vivian Thumser no

Leticia Velasquez no

John Gentry yes

4-Yes 2 No

Motion passes

Mr. Petruniw stated in summary the Board cut \$91,226 today added to the \$420,392 cuts already made. Totals cuts to the 2017-2018 budget is \$511,618 in accordance to the recommendations by the BOF.

This brings the cuts to the budget down to minus 4.6 % cut below zero. New budget adopted by the Board is in the amount of \$10,959,441.

D. 2017-2018 CIP BUDGET MEETING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- No action necessary.
- Public asked about the MBR requirements, the Superintendent explained.
- Mrs. O'Connor expressed her concert regarding the budgetary constraints.
- A parent commented that Mr. Earley, principal of BMS does substitute in the classroom when needed.
- Parent asked if any Board member has done research regarding a part-time Superintendent.
- Parent asked about High School tuition going up or down.
- Parent stated she was embarrassed for the Superintendent at the BOF meeting and
- how they spoke to her. She said the tone of the BOF meeting was disgusting. She urged the Board to go to the BOF meetings and back the Superintendent

BOE meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

By: Stephen Brown

Second: John Gentry

All in favor

Motion passes