

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

Date: Tuesday, April 3 2019
Place: Town Hall-Community Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting with Board of Finance

Approved 5/14/2019

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Vivian Thumser, Chairperson; Tom Dufort; Bridgett LaBrecque,
Leticia Velasquez

Late: Walt Petruniw @7:35 p.m.

Absent: John Gentry, Nancy Duvall

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

Ms. Thumser stated that the Board will have an investigation regarding the bus issue.

Vivian Thumser, Chairperson called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. Budget Presentation to BOF

Mr. Sulich, BOF Chairperson, read the ground rules regarding presentation of the BOE budget.

Dr. DaSilva-Knapton presented the most current version of the Budget draft, which included a decrease in medical insurance, and professional services. New additions mainly in special education tuition in the amount of \$529,624. Total budget for 2019-20 is in the amount of \$11,893,337; resulting in a 4.66% increase.

Question: Regarding class size

Answer: There is a contract stipulation regarding class size

Question: Are all contracts filed at the Town Hall

Answer: We are waiting to ratify the Secretaries, Paraeducators, and Custodians. The Superintendent's and the Teachers contract are at the Town Hall.

C. Comments from Visitors

BOE did not recognize the Public Comments, so Public Comments was inadvertently missed.

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. By: Bridgett LaBrecque 2nd: Leticia Velasquez

Respectfully submitted by: Dottie Horn, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Note: At the close of the BOF meeting, three (3) BOE members and the Superintendent did stay to listen to public comments from several parents regarding Mr. Ferranti's excellent service to the special needs students and families of Canterbury. In addition, one other parent thanked the BOE for diligence in preparing and presenting the budget to the BOF.