

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approved 1-14-2020

A. Call of Quorum, Pledge of Allegiance and Read Mission Statement

Attendance: Nancy Duvall; Tom Dufort; Julie Lippke; Katie Logan; Stacey Bruneaux;

Administration: Jim Connelly, Interim Superintendent; Neil Rinaldi, Interim-Principal BMS; Sarah Cary, Principal CES; Michele Demicco, Director of Finance and Operations

Nancy Duvall called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion: To change the order of items B1, 2 and 3 so that the item 3 becomes 1 and 2 remains the same and 1 becomes item 3.

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Katie Logan

All in Favor

Motion passes

B. Special Purpose/Recognition

1. CAPSS Student Awards

Two 4th graders, Emma Decker and Nathan Faille; as well as two 8th graders, Kody Plante and Madeline Smith were presented with the CAPSS awards

2. Appointment of two individuals to fill Board Vacancies

Motion: To appoint Laurie Marquis and William Sweeney to fill the board vacancies

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Katie Logan

All in Favor

Motion passes

After being appointed, Laurie Marquis and William Sweeney were sworn in by

Natalie Ellston, the Canterbury Town Clerk.

3. Election of BOE Officers

Results of the elections are: Nancy Duvall, Chairperson; Tom Dufort, Vice Chairperson; Laurie Marquis, Secretary

4. Consent Agendas

- a. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2019
- b. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019
- c. BOE Special Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2019

Motion: To accept the three consent agendas listed above

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Stacey Bruneaux

Yes Nancy, Tom, Stacey, Katie, Julie

No

Abstained Laurie, William

Motion passes

C. Comments from Visitors

- Concerns were raised about the Special Ed Director position

D. Presentations & Actions

1. Superintendent Written and Oral Report

Interim Superintendent spoke about bringing stability and continuity to the district.

- Enrollment
- Entry Plan
- Safety
- 2019-2020 December Financials

At this time the financials show us to have only \$42K in overage in regards to the budget but there are concerns about Special Ed and additional costs in that area

- Personnel Report

- a. Retirement/Resignation Letters
Dorcas Durand-Payroll Clerk
Michael Becwith-7/8 Math Teacher
Jeff Ferranti – Director of Pupil Service (Possible

Executive

Session)

b. New Hire
Adam Summerer .5 Music Teacher -BMS

- Suggestion to Schedule a BOE Retreat in January 2020
To have CAFE present to new board members as well as old
- Administrators' Report

2. Ratify Administrators' Contract 2020-2023

Motion: To accept the Administrators Contract for 2020-2023

By: Tom Dufort

Second:

Motion did not pass

Item to be tabled for Special Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2019

3. Additional Appropriation Investigation

Tabled until next regular Board meeting

4. Superintendent Executive Search:

Executive Search Presentation by CAFE to be scheduled with Retreat

5. Policies-First Read

- a. P3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund
- b. P3410 System Accounts
- c. P3430 Periodic Financial Reports
- d. P3432 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement
- e. P5142 Student Safety
- f. P6142 Basic Instructional Program
- g. P6159 Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

Motion: To accept the Policies First Read, items a-g above

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Julie Lippke
Yes Nancy, Tom, Stacey, Katie, Julie
No
Abstained Laurie, William

Motion passes

- E. Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board
1. Financial Software Initial Discussion

Item to be tabled for Special Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2019

2. Facility Meeting -
 - a. Phone Purchase Information
 - b. CES Oil Tank Update
3. Policy Committee
4. EASTCONN
 - a. Board of Directors Representative

Item to be tabled for Special Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2019

5. Woodstock Academy Board
 - a. Sending Town Trustee Representative

Motion: To approve Nancy Duvall to remain the representative for the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees

By: William Sweeney

Second: Stacey Bruneaux

Motion passes

Motion: To add to the agenda after “F Public Comment” an Executive Sessions to discuss the personnel listed on the agenda and the safety report of the Superintendent and ask to invite Superintendent Connelly, Michelle Dimecco and First Selectman Lippke

By: William Sweeney

Second: Tom Dufort

Motion passes

F. Public Comments

Mentioned that the websites are not up-to-date – BMS as well as the BOE

Motion: To enter into Executive Session, for the two items mentioned above, at 8:33pm

By: Tom Dufort

Second: Stacey Bruneaux

Motion passes

Out of executive session at 9:25 pm.

G. Adjournment

Motion: For adjournment at 9:25 p.m.

By: William Sweeney

Second: Tom Dufort

All in Favor

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Duvall, Chair