



BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Approved 12/12/2023

A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Nancy Duvall, Chairwoman; Julie Lippke, Vice-Chairwoman;
Laurie Marquis, Secretary; Jamie Kleinman; Katie Logan; Christine Winton

Administration: Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent; Cori Beckwith,
Director of Pupil Services; Garrett Dukette, Principal BMS; Sarah Cary, Principal
CES

Nancy Duvall called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Special Purpose/Recognition

1. Recognition of a High School Graduate

C. Public Comments - None

D. Presentations and Actions

a. Superintendent's Written and Oral Reports

- i. General Updates
- ii. Student Reps Report (Addison Casteen & Caitlin Kilcollum)
- iii. Administrators' Reports
 - a. CES
 - b. BMS
 - c. Pupil Services

d. Enrollment

e. November Financial Report

f. Personnel Report

- a. Resignations/Retirements
 - o Cori Beckwith - Director of Pupil Services
 - o Laura Kessler - .5 Maintenance person
 - o Carol Strafacci - Teacher CES (June 2024)
- b. New Hires 2023-2024

- Robin Blake - .5 Payroll Secretary
 - Kara O'Reilly - .6 Speech & Language Pathologist
 - Robin Ebrahimi - Receptionist/Clerk - CES
- c. Position Change
- Kacey Lindell - Paraeducator - Behavior Technician

- g. CPS Performance Reports
- h. Facilities
- i. FY 24 Tuition Rates

E. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Committee

Second Read

- a. 4121 - Substitute Teachers
- b. 6159 - IEP / Special Education Program
- c. 5112.3 - Dropouts (5112) Age of Attendance

Motion: To adopt the policies 4121, 6159, and 5112.3 as presented.

By: Jamie Kleinman

Second: Katie Logan

All in favor. Motion Passes.

- b. Facilities Committee
- c. Finance Committee
- d. Liaison Reports
 - i. EASTCONN
 - ii. Woodstock Board of Trustees
 - iii. CABE
 - iv. Parent Teacher Organization
 - v. Special Education Advisory Council

F. Correspondence - None

G. Consent Agenda

- a. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

Motion: To accept the consent agenda.

By: Jamie Kleinman

Second: Katie Logan

Julie Lippke abstains. 5 Yes. Motion Passes.

H. Executive Session

Motion: To enter into executive session and invite Superintendent Bitgood at 8:02pm.

By: Jamie Kleinman

Second: Katie Logan

All in favor. Motion Passes.

****Exit Executive session at 8:33pm.****

Motion: To support sick bank request as presented by Superintendent Bitgood.

By: Julie Lippke

Second: Christine Winton

All in favor. Motion Passes.

Motion: To allow Nancy Duvall to post vacancies for two open BOE seats as discussed.

By: Katie Logan

Second: Julie Lippke

All in favor. Motion Passes.

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:34pm.

By: Jamie Kleinman

Second: Katie Logan

All in favor. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by: Laurie Marquis, Secretary