



Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

This meeting will be streamed on YouTube at:
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Approved 4/9/2025

1 mins. A. Call of Quorum 7:02 PM and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Christine Winton, Jamie Kleinman, William Sweeney, Laurie Marquis, Jon Smedley, Andrew Bessette, Matthew Pritchard

Administrators: Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent; Sarah Cary, Principal

Laurie Marquis Called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

5 mins. B. Board of Education Appreciation Month

3 mins/prs C. Public Comments

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the district. The Board directs that any discussion of specific Board employees will not be allowed at meetings and should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments and questions from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should give their names and addresses. Board members may respond to citizen comment, but the Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, establish any reasonable time limits for comments and response.

45 mins. D. Presentations and Actions

1. Superintendent's Written and Oral Reports
 - a. General Updates and Student Reports
 - b. Administrators' Reports

- c. Enrollment
- d. March Financial Report
- e. Personnel Report

Resignation

none

New Hire 2023-2024

Courtney Langlois -Director of Pupil Services -District

Holly Adams - Bus Driver - District

Position Change 2023-2024

none

- f. 2024-2025 Healthy Food Certification (possible action)

Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Canterbury Board Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

By: William Sweeney

Second: Christine Winton

All in Favor: Motion Passes

Motion: The Canterbury Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and

debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales

By: William Sweeney

Second: Christine Winton

All in Favor: Motion Passes

g. Educator Diversity Plan (possible action)

Motion: To approve the Educator Diversity Plan for Canterbury Public Schools and Authorize the Superintendent to Submit the Plan

By: William Sweeney

Second: Andrew Bessette

All in Favor: Motion Passes

h. FY 24/25 Budget (possible action)

Motion: To approve the FY2025 Budget as Proposed at a 2.91% increase and send the budget to the Board of Finance

By: William Sweeney

Second: Andrew Bessette

All in Favor: Motion Passes

10 mins.

E.

Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee
2. Facilities Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Liaison Reports
 - a. EASTCONN
 - b. Woodstock Board of Trustees
 - c. CAFE
 - d. Parent Teacher Organization
 - e. Special Education Advisory Council

0 mins.

F.

Correspondence

1. None

5 mins.

G.

Consent Agenda

1. BOE Special Meeting Minutes (Draft) February 21, 2024 - Budget 6:00 pm
2. BOE Special Budget Meeting Minutes (Draft) February 21, 2024

3. BOE Special Budget Meeting Minutes (Draft) March 6, 2024

By: William Sweeney

Second: Christine Winton

All in favor. Motion Passes.

1 min H. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 7:57PM

By: William Sweeney

Second: Christine Winton

All in favor. Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted by: Jamie Kleinman, Secretary

CPS Mission Statement:

In collaboration with our community, the Canterbury Public Schools will develop, foster, and cultivate all students to their highest potential, through rigorous academics within a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment.