

**APPROVED 04/24/12**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

In Attendance: Louis Pecoraro, Walt Petruniw, Carl Thurlow, Stephen Brown, John Ellston

Pam Kerouack-Warner arrived at 7:05pm

Absent: Heather DeLuca

Others Present: Richard Paskiewicz, Superintendent, Janice Thurlow, Finance Director, Catherine Ferguson, CES Principal, Brian Tedeschi, DHBMS Principal, Roberta Wezenski, Special Education Director

Louis Pecoraro called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**C. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

John Ellston asked that the Board consider moving the first Comments from Visitors before Additions and Corrections for all future agendas. The Superintendent will review the bylaws regarding agenda changes.

Add: H. Consideration of parental request for homeschooler to play on Canterbury sports team.

Move: All other items down.

Motion: To add H. Consideration of parental request for homeschooler to play on Canterbury sports team.

By: John Ellston

Seconded: Walt Petruniw

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

**D. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE MEMBERS**

Louis Pecoraro stated that he received the CSDE regarding notice of CEA mediation and arbitration timelines.

**F. BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**G. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Brian Tedeschi introduced the 2012 National Junior Honor Society members: Samuel Fournier, Sarah French, Kaitlyn Minski, Michaela Bourey, Nicole Cardona-Murphy, Kaitlyn Gernhard, Emily Weglein, Tyler LaVoie, Amanda Jacaruso, Carly DeLuca, Emily Rainville, and Bethany LaFramboise.

## **H. CONSIDERATION OF PARENTAL REQUEST FOR HOMESCHOOLER TO PLAY ON CANTERBURY SPORTS TEAM**

John Ellston asked the Board to consider the request by Mrs. Fritzche to allow her child to play on school sports teams. Walt Petruniw asked that a general policy regarding homeschooling and sports be created.

Motion: To allow the child to play on the Canterbury school sports team.  
By: John Ellston  
Seconded: None

Discussion continued. Louis Pecoraro stated that the Board should consider making amendable arrangements for this request. The Superintendent stated that the school would consider allowing homeschooled students to play on a school team under the following requirements:

- 1) Parents who homeschool a child/children may request participation of their child/children in extracurricular activities of those primarily held after school. Such request shall be in writing to the school principal, prior to the start of the activity (with this particular student's request waived) and shall include, if not already on file, copies of current immunization records and physical examination requirements.
- 2) The administration will have the authority on a case-by-case basis, as long as the participation does not result in exclusion from the activity of a student who is already officially enrolled in a Canterbury school, to allow students to participate.
- 3) Eligibility on some teams may be subject to tryouts. In such cases, the coach will make the determination.
- 4) Any student who withdraws during the school year and would have been ineligible to participate in after school activities during the course of that year and then became a homeschooled student that year, would not be allowed to participate in sports that school year.

Motion: To allow the Superintendent's recommendations to be put into a compromise document.  
By: Stephen Brown  
Seconded: Walt Petruniw  
Vote: Yes – 4  
Abstained: No – 2  
Motion passes

## **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2012 Business Meeting

The business meeting minutes listed above were approved as printed.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Administrators' Reports

The administrators' reports were discussed.

2. Enrollment

The Superintendent distributed an updated enrollment report and discussed possible changes in grade sections for next school year.

3. 2011-2012 Budget

Louis Pecoraro stated that the Public hearing was well attended.  
Janice Thurlow answered Board questions regarding the 2011-2012 budget.

#### 4. Resignations

The Superintendent stated that he received a letter of resignation from Amanda Argazzi Nokes, resigning as the Reading Consultant, effective at the end of the school year and asked that the Board accept the letter of resignation.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Amanda Argazzi Nokes effective the end of the school year.

By: Stephen Brown

Seconded: Walt Petruniw

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

#### 5. Recommendation Regarding Non-Tenured Teachers

The Superintendent stated that he met with the non-tenured teachers and explained the process.

Motion that the Superintendent be directed to give written notice to the non-tenured teachers listed below that their contract will not be renewed for the following school year: William Bergan, Kaye Jakan, Jason Beit, Eric Anderson, Patrice Merendina, Selena Musumeci, Jacqueline Pastrana, Stephanie Roberts, Alycia Trakas, Kelly Walsh, and Kimberly Waters that their contracts will not be renewed for the following school year.

Motion: To allow recommendation regarding the aforementioned non-tenured teachers.

By: John Ellston

Seconded: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

### **K. OLD BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### 1. Update on CES Roof Project

The Superintendent stated that notice to bid for the CES roof has been posted. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for April 17. Bids will be accepted until 12:00pm on April 26, at which time bids will be opened.

### **L. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None.

### **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### 1. Negotiations

Motion: To adjourn into Executive Session at 8:00pm for the purpose of negotiations discussion.

By: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Seconded: Stephen Brown

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Came out of Executive Session at 8:19pm.

### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm by Pam Kerouack-Warner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Thurlow, Secretary to the Board