

Approved 12-9-2014

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: Walt Petruniw, Stephen Brown, Pam Kerouack-Warner, Tom Dufort, Christopher Lippke, Leticia Velasquez, David Richards

Others Present: Dr. Lois Knapton, Superintendent, Brian Tedeschi, Principal BMS, Sarah Cary, Principal CES, Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, Janice Thurlow, Finance Director, Claudia Danna, Curriculum Development

Walt Petruniw called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of Minutes: Business Meeting, October 21, 2014
Special Meeting, October 21, 2014

The Business Meeting minutes were approved as printed
The Special Meeting minutes were approved as printed

D. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Stephen Brown, BOE member announced he needed to leave the meeting at 7:30 for a few minutes. He did step out at 7:30 and returned at 7:50 p.m.

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-Woodstock Academy-Chris Sandford

Amy Favreau, Assistant Head Master and Graysen Deluca, Senior spoke about Woodstock Academy. Ms. Favreau presented information regarding enrollment, special programs, classes and sports. Mr. DeLuca spoke about his successful experience at CES, DHBMS and Woodstock Academy.

F. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Motion: To move Item H4 to H3

By: Walt Petruniw

Seconded: Tom Dufort

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Dufort/ L. Velasquez/ D. Richards/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

G. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE

Walt Petruniw received a letter from the Town requesting Capital Project Request form D be updated

and forwarded as soon as possible.

H. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

1. Enrollment

Reviewed enrollment and noted an increase in Pre-K students.

2. Administrators' Report

CES: There is a January implementation for DDDM process. A grant provided by EASTCONN was received and allowed for five teachers to receive professional development on Common Core. CES received five year accreditation from NAEYC with six commendations.

BMS: The STAR assessment was administered to students. Results were reviewed with parents during parent-teacher conferences. Currently, math assessments are being done with each student.

Tahlia Bryant, a sixth grader, designed the winning image to celebrate DHBMS being designated a school of excellence and distinction.

Completed goal setting assessments for students.

Awarded an electric guitar through a grant.

Girls' soccer won QVJC championship.

National Jr. Honor Society raised close to \$500.00 for Autism Speaks.

Curriculum Committee-Update-Claudia Danna

Claudia Danna provided information regarding the strategic plan for 2014-2016 on curriculum development. Focus is on Math, Science, and Technology. Will also look at assessment schedule to determine how often to test. Twelve teachers are receiving a small stipend to participate on this committee.

3. 2014-2014 Budget

Janice Thurlow reviewed the budget and explained the way the numbers are presented. Questions were asked- and answered- regarding how special education costs are derived.

4. NICHE-School Ranking:

NICHE.com is a site which weighs the value of an educational system and setting using several parameters. In Connecticut, CES received a ranking of a B and DHBMS received an A-. The ranking is favorable to both schools.

5. Parents Guide to Common Core State Standards:

A hand-out was designed to provide parents information regarding the Common Core Standards.

6. NAEYC- 5 year approval received

5 year approval received, as stated earlier in the minutes.

7. Received-Unofficial notice of Security Grant

- A grant in the amount of \$123,776 was requested from the State for security upgrades at both schools. There was unofficial notification that this grant was approved. Money must be spent on these upgrades before reimbursement takes place. Several initiatives will be considered including: real-time communication system on busses, entry door buzzers, panic alarms, electric locks, surveillance cameras and staff training. All money needs to be spent by June, 2015.

8. Resignation Letters

Marsha Baker, CES- first grade teacher and Geraldine Frishman, CES,- third grade teacher tended their resignations effective 6/30/2015.

Motion: To accept the letters of resignation/retirement effective June 30, 2015 from Geraldine Frishman and Marsha Baker. With thanks to both teachers for their long-term service to our Town.

By: Stephen Brown

Seconded: Leticia Velaquez

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Dufort/ L. Velasquez/ D. Richards/ W. Petruniw
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

9. Additional Comments

A thank you letter was sent to Mrs. Bartello for her donation to DHBMS library.

I. BOE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Para Negotiations

David Richards stated the first meeting was held around Para Negotiations in order to set ground rules.

2. EASTCONN

Mr. Petruniw handed out information regarding EASTCONN meeting minutes.

3. Policy Committee

None.

4. Facility Committee

Leticia Velasquez, Chairperson had nothing to report. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

5. CABA

Received CABA Board plaque for being a Level 1 BOE.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Policies
 - a) Second Read-Policy- 3516 Safe and Secure School Facilities, Equipment, and Grounds
 - b) Second Read-Policy- 3517 Security of Buildings and Grounds
 - c) Second Read- Policy- 3517.1 Site and Buildings and Grounds
 - d) Second Read- Policy 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
 - e) Second Read- Policy 5141.6 Crisis Management Plan
 - f) Second Read- Policy 5142 Student Safety

The Board discussed the above Policies and decided to bring the Polices back to the next Board meeting.

Motion: To withhold second-read review of policies identified in 1 a through f to the December BOE meeting.

By: Walt Petruniw

Seconded: Stephen Brown

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Dufort/ L. Velasquez/ D. Richards/ W. Petruniw
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Going Paperless

Mr. Petruniw discussed the Board going paperless including the legalities of electronic devices.

Motion: To continue discussion around going paperless and to move this item to unfinished business.

By: David Richards

Seconded: Stephen Brown

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Dufort/ L. Velasquez/ D. Richards/ W. Petruniw
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

- 2. 2015-BOE Business Meetings (Calendar)

The Board had a round table discussion regarding the 2015 BOE business meeting calendar.

Motion: To accept the 2015 BOE Business meetings calendar as read by Walt Petruniw and to submit same to Town Hall.

By: Stephen Brown

Seconded: Leticia Velasquez

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Dufort/ L. Velasquez/ D. Richards/ W. Petruniw
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

L. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- a. Bob Droesch asked if a Board of Finance member was present at the paraeducator negotiations meeting. He was told there wasn't. He requested a letter be sent to Ray Sulich asking for a Board of Finance representative at future meetings as this is a requirement.
- b. Bob Droesch reported that the Board of Finance scheduled a meeting with BOE for March 24th. Since the BOE will not have a meeting on this date he suggested requesting Board of Finance change their schedule to accommodate BOE March 10th meeting date.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. By: David Richards
Seconded: Tom Dufort

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kerouack-Warner, Secretary to the Board