

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Date: February 13, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

Draft-Budget Workshop

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER:

In attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Vivian Thumser, Chairperson; John Gentry, Vice-Chairperson; Nancy Duvall, BOE Secretary; Walt Petruniw; Leticia Velasquez; Tom Dufort

Late: Bridgett LaBrecque @6:17

Others Present: Jodi Davis, Acting Superintendent; Ryan Earley, BMS Principal; Sarah Cary, CES Principal; Janice Thurlow, Finance Director; Tom Millerd, Facilities Director

Ms. Thumser called the Canterbury Board of Education (BOE) meeting to order once a quorum was established at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Thumser expressed her condolence to Dr. Knapton for the loss of her son.

B. SPECIAL PURPOSE/RECOGNITION

1. 2018-2019 Budget Workshop

Mr. Ryan Earley, BMS Principal, presented the 2018-2019 budget to the Board.

Mr. Earley discussed the following:

- High School Tuition
- Salaries and wages and benefits
- Grants
- CIP Budget

Mr. Earley stated that over the last week there have been some changes made to the 2018-2019 budget:

- \$10,000 increase to the high school tuition
- \$40,000 reduction to special education tuition
- \$15,000 reduction BMS principal office
- \$10,000 reduction in Legal fees
- \$3,200 reduction to course related instructional supplies (PE BMS)

These revisions in addition to the previously proposed reductions result in a 2.58% increase over the current operating budget.

The Board discussed the proposed budget and asked “what percentage are we below the budget that passed last year”. Mr. Earley answered the question and stated that “the increase of 2.58% to the proposed budget is above the budget that was presented to the BOF the first time”.

Discussion also included applying the \$40,000 special education tuition savings to continuing the .5 Spanish teacher position resulting in a 2.95% increase to the current operating budget.

Mr. Gentry thanked the Administrators for keeping the students in mind as they prepared the proposed budget

Mrs. Davis discussed a presentation which she, Mr. Gentry, and Ms. Cary attended last night at Griswold HS by The Connecticut School Finance Project.

#### C. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Parent inquiry regarding per pupil cost and how it is calculated, and the value of the high schools choices offered to our students.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 6:55 p.m.  
By: Walt Petruniw  
Second: John Gentry  
All in favor  
Motion passes

Respectfully submitted (on behalf of the Board via audio-recording),

Dottie Horn  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent