

Approved 3-8-2016

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

In Attendance: Walt Petruniw, Stephen Brown, Nancy Duvall, Leticia Velasquez, John Gentry, Vivian Thumser

Absent: Christopher Lippke

Others Present: Dr. Lois Knapton, Superintendent, Sarah Cary, CES Principal, Ryan Earley, BMS Principal, Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, Janice Thurlow, Finance Director,

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes: Business Meeting, February 2, 2016

The Business meeting minutes were approved as printed

2. Approval of Minutes: Budget Workshop, February 9, 2016

Item D 2016-17 Budget Workshop changed “in-service” to “NECC program”

The Business meeting minutes were approved as amended

**D. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None

**E. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

Motion: To move item I-2 2016-2019 Teachers’ Contract to E-1

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Vivian Thumser

All in favor

Motion passes

1. 2016-2019 Teachers Contract

Motion: To adopt the proposed 2016-2019 Teachers contract as submitted  
By: Leticia Velasquez  
Second: Stephen Brown  
All in favor  
Motion passes

Contract was signed

**F. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE**

Walt Petruniw received a letter regarding the State Insurance Program

**G. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT**

1. Enrollment

Enrollment is holding steady

2. Administrator's Report

The Administrators discussed their reports:

- Jodi Davis, Special Education Director discussed strategies to address classroom disruption through professional development opportunity provided by Polly Bath. March there will be another professional development regarding procedures designed to avoid physical confrontation, to de-escalate physical conformation if avoidance procedures are not effective to manage crises in the safest way possible.
- Ryan Earley, Principal, BMS discussed: teacher leadership in a voluntary manner, boys' and girls' basketball teams had an exceptional year, and Google Apps for Education is moving forward, and Empty Bowls is March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarah Cary, Principal, CES discussed: CES also has the same technology in place, student learning concept, hands on leaning, currently planning for where they will be next year, and the PTO Basket Bash and Craft Fair is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Stephen Brown gave a "shout out" to Samantha Rizer, Art Teacher, BMS for all her hard work in planning "Empty Bowls". "Empty Bowls" is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at DHBMS.

Stephen Brown asked about the changes in this year's graduation. He would like to have a discussion regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation at the next BOE meeting. Ryan Earley, Principal, BMS addressed this with the Board and said he will have information available in the next week or so.

3. 2015-2016 Budget

Janice Thurlow, Finance Director, stated our budget should look pretty good by the end of the school year. No major changes since the last month's report

4. Additional Comments

Superintendent received 25-page mandate list from the lawyer

**H. BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Walt Petruniw shared information regarding the Roof Committee, and EASTCONN meeting. Mr. Petruniw also discussed the "walking man" that he saw at EASTCONN' technology discussion.

Secretaries negotiations face-to-face meetings have concluded and final contract is nearing completion.

Custodians negotiations starting at the end of March

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Policies-Second Read-*Action Item*

- a. Policy 5131 Student Conduct
- b. Policy 4118.41 Employee Online Privacy
- c. Policy 6142 Basis Instructional Program
- d. Policy 6142.2 Reading/Language Arts
- e. Policy 3152 Spending Public Funds for Advocacy

Change Policy 3152 Spending Public Funds for Advocacy- first paragraph and legal references remain, all else delete from policy

Motion: To accept the above Policies a-e with the (e) Policy 3152 as amended as second read.

By: Vivian Thumser

Second: John Gentry

All in favor

Motion passes

**L. Comments from Visitors**

Mrs. O'Connor, teacher BMS commented on the "walking man", she saw a segment on television, one good reason for the "walking man" homebound students can participate in classroom activities.

The Superintendent stated she would look into getting information on the “walking man”.

**M. ADJOURMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:08p.m. By: John Gentry  
Second: Stephen Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Duvall, Secretary to the Board