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A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Others Present: Dr. Lois Knapton, Superintendent, Brian Tedeschi, DHBMS Principal, Catherine
Ferguson, CES Principal, Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, Janice
Thurlow, Finance Director

Also in Attendance BOF: Ray Sulich, Jr. Chairperson, David Norell, Vice-Chairperson, Robert
Droesch, Ellen Chalfant, Steve Pelletier

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion: To amend the Agenda by moving Item K- New Business 1. 2014-2015 Budget
Presentation to BOF and make it Item C. Move all items down.

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Christopher Lippke

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2014-2015 Budget Presentation to BOF

The Superintendent presented the 2014-2015 BOE budget to the Board of Finance. The
Superintendent and the Board members answered questions regarding the budget.

- Jodi Davis, Special Education Director discussed the Special Education budget.
- Cathy Ferguson, CES Principal, presented the elementary school budget.
- Brian Tedeschi, DHNMS Principal discussed the middle school budget.

Ray Sulich, Jr. along with BOF members, Robert Droesch, Ellen Chalfant, David Norell,
and Steve Pelletier reviewed and discussed the 2014-2015 BOE budget.

The BOF Adjourned at 8:10pm

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for their dedication and hard work.

The Board took a short recess at 8:05pm to celebrate Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Walt Petruniw called the meeting back to order at 8:19pm.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting, March 11, 2014

The Special Meeting minutes were approved as printed.

Regular Meeting, March 11, 2014

Motion: To delay the approval of the March 11, 2014 regular meeting minutes until April 8, 2014.

By: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Second: Christopher Lippke

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

Facilities Committee Meeting, March 10, 2014

The Facilities Committee minutes were approved as printed.

F. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

G. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Motion: To add Executive Session Item M. - personnel matter and invite the Superintendent

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Tom Duford

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

Motion: To alternate number 1. and 2. Under Item I. Superintendent of School's Report –
1. Strategic Planning Follow-up/Presentation to number 2. CES Principal Recommendation

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Stephen Brown

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

H. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE

Christopher Lippke received a brochure "Showcase Your Talented Students"! at the CABE/CAPSS convention November 14-15, 2014. Mr. Lippke gave the brochure to the Superintendent to forward to the principals.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

1. CES Principal Recommendation-Action Item

The Superintendent formally recommended Sarah Cary, final candidate as the principal of Canterbury Elementary School.

Pam Kerouack-Warner (principal search committee member) shared the principal search committee timeline with the Board. Mrs. Kerouack-Warner also stated Mrs. Cary qualifications and was pleased to recommend her to the BOE.

Motion: To accept Sarah Cary in the position of Canterbury Elementary School principal starting July 1, 2014.

By: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Second: Stephen Brown

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

Mr. Petruniw thanked the principal search committee and the Superintendent for this process and their recommendation.

2. Strategic Planning Follow-up/Presentation

The Superintendent discussed and presented the Strategic Planning Process which included:

- CABE does not prepare the Strategic Planning Process
- Vision for the future
- Focus and direction
- Steering Committee (parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, students, and community)
- Vision, mission, and then you write a plan
- Collecting data
- SWOT (strengths, weakness, opportunity, and threats)
- Facilitator (EASTCONN) would be helpful. This will cost money anywhere from \$4,500.00 to \$15, 000.00 dollars.
- Plan
- Timeline

The Board had a round table discussion and asked the Superintendent questions regarding the Strategic Planning Process.

3. Resignation Letter-Action Item

The Superintendent read a resignation letter from Sarah Ward, School Psychologist.

Motion: To accept the letter of resignation from Sarah Ward, School Psychologist as of March 28, 2014.

By: Christopher Lippke

Second: Tom Dufort

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

Mr. Petruniw and the Board thanked Ms. Ward for her service to the school and students.

4. Additional Comments

None.

J. BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Facilities Committee-Action Item

Walt Petruniw discussed the solar panel proposal and stated he spoke with Mr. Piper, First Selectman who suggested the Board write a letter and brief the BOS on the Solar panels proposal and power purchase agreement.

Motion: The Board chair, Mr. Petruniw will represent the BOE and brief the BOS at their next regular meeting to discuss the power purchased agreement and all details on solar panels at CES.

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Stephen Brown

A Board member asked Mr. Petruniw and the Superintendent if they would clarify the motion that we are just agreeing to present the information to the BOF. The Board and the Superintendent had a round table discussion. Members of the Board would like additional information regarding Greenskies and what their customers have to say about the company. The Superintendent stated she would contact Greenskies customers for feedback and report to the Board at the next regular BOE meeting.

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

Mr. Petruniw discussed his meeting at CABE which included:

- Common core
- Evaluation system
- Excess cost percentage change

Mr. Petruniw also reported that he attended EASTCONN's Executive Committee Meeting today and the discussion included the following legislative bills:

- Teen dating violence awareness
- Teen absenteeism
- Delay for the regional school calendar by a year

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan-Action Item

Motion: For Dr. Knapton to pursue the Strategic Plan to be facilitated by EASTCONN with a cap of no more than \$10,000.00.

By: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Second: Stephen Brown

The Board had a round table discussion regarding a target date for the Strategic Plan.

Amended Motion: To have the finalized plan by a goal date of September 30, 2014.

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes

L. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Bob Droesch asked the Board is there is any further update on the Common Core testing. The Superintendent stated that the testing started today, and it is challenging.

The Superintendent stated that BMS is now Wi-Fi.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To go into Executive Session (9:19 pm) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter for the BOE.

By: Stephen Brown

Seconded: Pam Kerouack-Warner

Vote: S. Brown / C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ T. Duford/ W. Petruniw
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Motion passes.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:36pm

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:36pm by Pam Kerouack-Warner

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