

Approved 2-2-2016

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: Leticia Velasquez

Late: Christopher Lippke -7:50pm

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

Walt Petruniw called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: Business Meeting, December 8, 2015
Business meeting minutes were approved as printed
2. Policy Committee minutes, January 20, 2016
Policy Committee minutes were approved as printed
3. Business Meeting minutes, January 5, 2016
Business meeting minutes were approved as printed

D. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

E. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Motion: To add 2016-2017 school calendar to Agenda under J-3 New Business

By: Walt Petruniw

Second: Vivian Thumser

All in favor

Motion passed

F. COMMUNICATION TO BOE

- Woodstock Academy letter dated December 10, 2015 re: new Board members introduction to Woodstock Academy experience.
- Holiday card from NFA
- CABA information

Chris Lippke stated that the First selectman's office said the constables can help when there are field trips to Prudence Crandall Museum by escorting the children there. Chris also received information from a company regarding street lighting.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Enrollment

Slight change in enrollment

2. Administrators Report

CES

- Professional Development

BMS

- Recommended to relocate 8th grade graduation ceremony to BMS
- Recommended to rename 8th grade graduation to 8th grade recognition ceremony (other suggestions were given)
- The Board had a round table discussion regarding the recommendation to rename and relocate 8th grade graduation

Special Education

- Laura Ruberto, the school psychologist has received her doctorate

3. 2015-2016 Budget

- School Liability insurance change in budget questioned
- Salaries/wages-are there grants to cover any portion?
- Savings from oil should hold

4. Certificate of Recognition

- CES received Certificate of Recognition upon achievement of meeting the 2017 State-funded Education Qualifications Benchmark from the State of Connecticut

5. Award of Excellence

- Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection
6. Food Service Audit
 - Letter of completion Child Nutrition Program
 - Gives schools an additional 6 cents reimbursement for each meal (reduced and free lunches)

7. Additional Comments

Community Service Organization sent \$50.00 to the following organization:

- CRIS Radio, Wigs for Kids, Canterbury Fire Department, St. Vincent de Paul, Canterbury Cares, American Red Cross, Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Canterbury Public Library.

H. BOE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Roof committee meeting was held December 27, 2016, next meeting is Jan. 20, 2016
- CIP meeting Jan. 20, 2016
- Policy Committee Meeting January 21, 2016

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan Overview

The Strategic Plan has a year and a half left, runs out June 2017. The plan will be placed in Google Docs.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. BOE Retreat Discussion

Superintendent explained to the Board what takes place at a Board retreat.

- Do you want one?
- If so, when?
- Think of topics to discuss
- Bring back BOE Retreat to the Board in February

2. Policies-First Read-Action Item

- a. Policy 5114- Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process

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

Motion: To accept the above policies a-f as first read.

By: Christopher Lippke

Second: Stephen Brown

All in favor

Motion passed

3. 2016-2017 School Calendar-*Action Item*

Motion: To accept the 2016-2017 school calendar as a first read

By: Stephen Brown

Second: Nancy Duvall

All in favor

Motion passed

K. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

2. Teacher Negotiations Explanation

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 pm to discuss Superintendent's Evaluation and Teachers Negotiations Explanation

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. By: 8:21pm Chris Lippke

Seconded: John Gentry

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Duvall, Secretary to the Board