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A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Others Present: Dr. Lois Knapton, Superintendent, Sarah Cary, Principal CES, Jane Dion, Acting Principal DHBMS, Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, Janice Thurlow, Finance Director

Walt Petruniw called the Canterbury Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-NJHS INDUCTEES

Sanderson Tattersall and Kim Waters co-advisors of the NJHS introduced the current members of the NJHS:

Elizabeth Bartoshevich, Lauren Engel, Kyle LaVoie, Audrey Romano, Jillian Derjue, Brooke Gottshall, Amy Osella, Micah Spruance

New Students Inducted are:

Grade 8

Joseph Graley, Regan Kasacek, Jake Marsalisi, Delaney McIntire

Grade 7

Aidan Brown, Courtney Cyr, Jenna Davidson, Chad Graley, Jessica Kasacek, Paige Kasacek, Ashley LaFramboise, Gina Leo, Jordyn Marquis, Audrey Strimiska

The Board congratulated all members

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: Business Meeting, March 10, 2015

Item 6 –Additional Comments -Change T. Dufort vote from Y to Abstained
Special Meeting, March 24, 2015

Approved as printed

Policy Committee Meeting, March 6, 2015

Approved as printed

Policy Committee Meeting, March 12, 2015

Approved as printed

Facilities Committee Meeting, March 19, 2015

Approved as printed

E. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

F. ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

None

G. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOE

- Walt Petruniw passed out information from CABA
- Shipman & Goodwin is offering education regarding BOE Rules, Regulations, etc.
- Teachers Union negotiations to start on 10/29/15

H. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

1. Enrollment

Holding steady

2. Administrators' Report-Arrive via email

- Lois Knapton presented administrators report
- Sarah Cary, Principal CES discussed:
 - a. On 3/12 and 3/13 teachers led workshops which have been well-received
 - b. This week is "reading week" which corresponds with "spirit week" at CES
 - c. Newly instituted "Teacher Accolades" where a teacher nominates a student who has excelled in a particular area. These students are recognized during the monthly assembly
- Jane Dion, Acting Principal, DHBMS discussed spirit week at DHBMS
- Jodi Davis, Special Education Director, discussed:
 - a. Autism 101 workshop. She was pleased to note that Canterbury children are already receiving the recommended services.
 - b. Preschool screening will occur on 4/9 and 4/10. There are currently 29 families registered for this screening.
 - c. CALM, de-escalation strategies for children will be offered to staff.

3. STARR Assessment Discussion

Beth O'Connor, Math Interventionist and Kaye Jakan, Literacy Interventionist at BMS presented a PowerPoint regarding SRBI (Scientific Research Based Interventions). The assessment provides benchmarks to understand a student's needs. Students are deemed to meet benchmark, be OnWatch, needing Intervention, and needing Urgent Intervention. They noted substantial improvement in students placements due to this early intervention strategy.

Stephen Goodwin and Sarah Cary then presented STAR program used in CES for grades 1-4. This is a very helpful tool to get an individual assessment and is a guide to understand where help is needed. This allows for early identification and intervention.

4. 2014-2015 Budget

The budget is in the red for about \$61,000. State provided \$127.737 for excess cost.

5. 2015-2016 Budget

Lois Knapton comparison of budget increase slated for BOE's across the state. . Canterbury is at the lower end for educational budget increases. Again discussed maintaining the Math Interventionist position as it has solid student data to support its need along with high community and staff support. Lois Knapton will bring back options to the BOE at the May meeting. May look at willed donation to the school as a possible way to fund this position.

6. Community Service Organization Donations

The Superintendent stated that \$50.00 went to each of the following programs:

- Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Taftville
- CRIS-CT Radio Information System
- Wigs for Kids
- Canterbury Fire Department
- St. Vincent DePaul food pantry- Norwich
- Canterbury Cares food pantry

7. Empty Bowls Announcement

Provided \$750.00 to Canterbury Cares food pantry

8. Additional Comments

None

Stephen Brown, BOE member left at 7:20 p.m.

I. BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EASTCONN

1. Minutes for 2/24 meeting was provided along with new Educational Bills being presented for consideration.
2. Policy Committee-Dottie confirmed that policy number 4131.5 regarding CEU's was rescinded on 7/30/13. Next policy meeting is Thursday at 10:00
3. Facilities Meeting minutes were approved. No status update on CES solar panels

2. CABA

No updates

3. CES PTO

4. BMS PTO

5. Booster Club

6. CIP

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CIP BUDGET-*Possible Action*

Motion: To accept the changes in the CIP Budget which cuts \$127,000 from fiscal year 2015-2016

By: Chris Lippke

Seconded: Tom Dufort

Vote: C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ L. Velasquez/ T. Dufort / W. Petruniw
 Y Y Y Y Y

Motion passes

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation Letters-*Action Item*

Motion: To accept the letters of resignation from Ruth Dinneno, who had 21 years of service and is the food service manager effective 4/10/2015. Lorraine Sylvestri cafeteria aide, effective of April 03, 2015 and David Richards, BOE, effective 3/24/15.

By: Leticia Velazquez

Seconded: Tom Dufort

Vote: C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ L. Velasquez/ T. Dufort / W. Petruniw
 Y Y Y Y Y

Motion passes

The Board discussed the BOE vacancy.

Motion: Walt Petruniw to contact a previous candidate for the BOE to ask if she would like to join the Board.

By: Tom Dufort

Seconded: Chris Lippke

Vote: C. Lippke / P. Kerouack-Warner/ L. Velasquez/ T. Dufort / W. Petruniw
 Y N Y Y Y

Motion passes

