



**Date:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Minutes approved 5-14-2024

*1 mins.* A. Call of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

**Attendance:** William Sweeney, Laurie Marquis, Jon Smedley, Andrew Bessette, Matthew Pritchard

**Administrators:** Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent; Garrett Dukette, Principal; Courtney Langlois, Director of Pupil Services

**Laurie Marquis called the meeting to order at 7:00**

*20 mins.* B. Special Purpose/Recognition

1. CAPSS Award

4th Grade Ryan Crook  
Arianna Terre

8th Grade Jake Arnio  
Kasey O'Brien

*3 mins/prs* C. Public Comments

*Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the district. The Board directs that any discussion of specific Board employees will not be allowed at meetings and should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments and questions from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should give their names and addresses. Board members may respond to citizen comment, but the*

*Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, establish any reasonable time limits for comments and response.*

- 45 mins.      D.      Presentations and Actions
1. Superintendent's Written and Oral Reports
    - a. General Updates
    - b. Administrators' Reports
    - c. Enrollment
    - d. April Financial Report
    - e. Personnel Report
      - Resignation**  
Kasey Lindell - Behavior Technician -CES  
Adam Summerer -Music Teacher -BMS
      - New Hire 2023-2024**  
None
      - New Hire 2024-2025**  
Timothy Jordan - BMS Technology Teacher
      - Position Change 2023-2024**  
None
      - Position Change 2024-2025**  
Timothy Simkowski - 5/6 Science Teacher
    - f. Science of Reading Curriculum Update
    - g. Negotiations Update
  2. FY24/25 Budget Update  
Discussed the follow-up meeting with the Board of Finance on 3/10/24
- 10 mins.      E.      Committee Reports
1. Policy Committee  
*William Sweeney requested to schedule a policy meeting to discuss the possible creation of a district student cell phone use policy*
  2. Facilities Committee  
*Discussed the need to schedule a walkthrough at CES and review and update the district's CIP priority list.*
  3. Finance Committee
  4. Liaison Reports
    - a. EASTCONN
    - b. Woodstock Board of Trustees
    - c. CAFE
    - d. Parent Teacher Organization
    - e. Special Education Advisory Council
- 1 mins.      F.      Correspondence
1. None

5 mins. G. Consent Agenda

1. BOE Meeting Minutes (Draft) March 12, 2024
2. Facility Committee Minutes (Draft) March 25, 2024

**Motion:** To approve the above draft minutes.

**By:** William Sweeney

**Second:** Andrew Bessette

**All in Favor: Motion Passes**

1 min H. Adjournment

**Motion:** to adjourn at 7:52

**By:** William Sweeney

**Second:** Andrew Bessette

**All in Favor: Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent of Schools

***CPS Mission Statement:***

**In collaboration with our community, the Canterbury Public Schools will develop, foster, and cultivate all students to their highest potential, through rigorous academics within a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment.**