



Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

This meeting will be streamed on YouTube at:

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AGENDA

Approved Minutes

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

Attendance: Christine Winton, Jamie Kleinman, William Sweeney, Laurie Marquis, Matthew Pritchard

Administrators: Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent; Sarah Cary, Principal CES, Garette Dukette, Principal, DHBMS, Courtney Langlois, Pupil Services Director

Student Representative: Addison Casteen

Laurie Marquis Called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

20 mins. B. Special Purpose / Recognition

1. Retired Teachers
Carol Strafacci - 38 years
Kimberly Waters - 13 years
2. Student Addison Casteen -New BOE Student Representative
3. Diana Zuckerman (BMS Guidance Counselor) to discuss -
Student
success plan and her work with this important state
expectation
4. Erin Doran and Students to discuss student lead Anti-bullying
campaign

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.

40 mins. D. Presentations and Actions

1. Superintendent's Written and Oral Reports

- a. General Updates
- b. Administrators' Reports
- c. Enrollment
- d. June Financial Report
- e. Personnel Report

Resignation

Gary Lussier - part-time custodian

Jeffrey Weeden - bus driver

New Hire 2023-2024

None

Position Change 2023-2024

None

New Hires 2024-2025

Brittany Eber - 2nd Grade Teacher - CES

Ashlan Murphy - Music Teacher - BMS

- f. Paraeducator Contract July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027 (Possible Action)

Motion: To approve the contract renewal for 7/1/2024-6/30/2027 for the Canterbury Paraeducators and Library Directors as presented.

By: Jamie Kleinman

Second: Christine Winton

In Favor: Christine Winton, Jamie Kleinman, Laurie Marquis, Matthew Pritschard, Jon Smedley. **Abstention:** William Sweeney. **Motion Passes.**

- g. NFA Master Agreement (Possible Action)

- h. Schedule Board of Education Retreat Meeting (July or August)

2. Financial Update

10 mins. E. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee (*Meeting June 25*)
2. Facilities Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Liaison Reports
 - a. EASTCONN
 - b. Woodstock Board of Trustees
 - c. CABE
 - d. Parent Teacher Organization
 - e. Special Education Advisory Council

0 mins. F. Correspondence

1. None

5 mins. G. Consent Agenda

1. BOE Meeting Minutes (Draft) May 14, 2024

Motion: Accept Consent Agenda

By: William Sweeney

Second: Laurie Marquis

All in favor. Motion Passes.

Motion: To move into executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and contract and to get an update on the transportation negotiation.

By: William Sweeney

Second: Laurie Marquis

All in favor. Motion Passes.

30 mins. H. Executive Session

1. Superintendent Evaluation / Contract (Possible Action) Invite Superintendent
2. Transportation Negotiation Update

Exit executive session 8:47PM.

Motion: To contact the board attorney to draft a 3-year contract extension to Dr. Christopher Bitgood to continue to serve as superintendent for the Canterbury Public School District. The contract would include a salary increase of 5% in year one, 3% in year two and 3% in year three. The annuity would stay at 2% for year one, raise to 3% in year two, and 3% in year three. We authorize the chair to execute the contract.

By: William Sweeney

Second: Laurie Marquis

All in favor. Motion Passes.

1 min I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:49PM

By: William Sweeney

Second: Christine Winton

All in favor. Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted by: Jamie Kleinman, Secretary

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.