



**Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024**  
**Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Media Center**

**Time: 7:00 pm Place:**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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**Approved minutes 12/10/2024**

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

**Attendance:** Christine Winton, Jamie Kleinman, Laurie Marquis, Jon Smedley, Matthew Pritchard, William Sweeney, Andrew Bessette

**Administrators:** Dr. Christopher Bitgood, Superintendent, Courtney Langlois, Director of Pupil Services, Garette Dukette, Principal, Sarah Cary, Principal

Laurie Marquis called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

#### **0 mins. B. Special Purpose / Recognition**

1. None

#### **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 responses.*

#### **40 mins. D. Presentations and Actions**

1. Superintendent's Written and Oral Reports
  - A. General Updates

- B. Administrators' Reports
- C. Security update
- D. High School Choice Discussion
- E. Enrollment
- F. November Financial Report
- G. Personnel Report

*Resignation*

Thomas Durham - 7/8 Grade Social Studies Teacher - BMS

Connor Hill - Physical Education Teacher - BMS

Kassandra Casiano - Bus Driver - District

Charlene Saunders - Paraeducator BMS

*New Hire*

None

*Position Change*

None

H. BOE 2025 Meetings (Possible action)

**Motion:** To approve the 2025 BOE Meeting Schedule.

**By:** Christine Winton

**Second:** Andrew Bessette

**All in favor.**

I. Teacher Negotiations Update

**10 mins. E. Committee Reports**

1. Policy Committee (Meeting Scheduled November 25, 2024)
2. Facilities Committee Update
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. Thompson Public Schools-Tourtellotte Memorial High School
2. Letter from Putnam Public School Superintendent

**5 mins. G. Consent Agenda**

1. BOE Meeting Minutes (Draft) October 8, 2024

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda.

**By:** Christine Winton

**Second:** Jon Smedley

**All in favor.**

**0 min H. Executive Session**

**1 min I. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn at 8:14PM

**By:** Laurie Marquis

**Second:** Jon Smedley

**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.