

1 from the state. Many districts also have special education trusts for unexpected
2 expenditures.

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4 *When administration comes to the Board regarding a special education request is that to*
5 *seek authorization?* The administration is seeking Board approval for additional special
6 education support not budgeted.

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8 *What if the Board does not support the request?* The administration needs to inform the
9 Board that it is violating federal law.

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11 *Attorney Eggert was also asked about cases of confidentiality of non-public individual*
12 *special needs student requests that come before the Board.* Mr. Eggert indicated that the
13 Board may not ask detailed questions as they may run the risk of violating provisions of
14 the Federal Education Rights Protect Act (FERPA).

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16 Presentation and questions ended at 6:03 PM. Chairman, O’Hara thanked Dean Eggert
17 for presenting to the Board an overview of IDEA. Mr. Eggert’s presentation was well
18 received by all members of the Board.

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20 *SRSD Board and Town Canterbury Joint Meeting:* Chairman, O’Hara welcomed
21 members of the Town of Canterbury to the annual joint meeting.

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23 The Board and Canterbury Officials discussed the following topics:

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25 *Tax Rates/Warrant Articles:* Bob Steenson indicated that tax rates have not yet been set.
26 There will be no special warrant articles due to purchases of a new police car and fire
27 truck. Revenue is showing some improvement particularly Rooms and Meals Tax. DRA
28 will advise Canterbury soon on CES tax rate.

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30 *SRTS Planning Grant:* Police Chief Laroche and Fire Chief Angwin discussed their
31 work with CES on the Safe Routes to Schools Planning Grant. It was mentioned that
32 31% of students who attend CES live within a two mile radius of the school. Canterbury
33 officials indicated that the efforts between grant coordinator Nic Coates from the Central
34 NH Regional Planning Commission and the school have been positive. There will likely
35 be some plans for a project to connect the library, town offices and school together. This
36 project has yet to be determined. The efforts to date have involved gathering data from
37 students, the implementation of educational components such as “student walks” and
38 meetings with the community.

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40 *Solar Power Project:* Superintendent Blount indicated that the district is coordinating
41 efforts with lead project electrician Bob Drew for educational field trips from classes at
42 all of the schools. There are plans to video archive the project by students from BMS and
43 BHS. Fall field trips are set for mid-November to the sites.

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1 *Energy Project:* Canterbury officials asked the status of the district's energy project.
2 Board Member Hutchinson indicated that the McCormick contract is under review by the
3 district attorney.

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5 *SRSD Buildings & Grounds Projects:* Board Member Hutchinson reviewed projects
6 being considered for FY 2012 at CES. An overview of all district-wide projects was also
7 presented.

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9 *Planning Board:* Jim Synder informed the Board that while population has remained
10 steady, development has been extremely slow. New residential development has
11 continued a decline that started three years ago. The town's master plan is nearly
12 completed. It is under final editing.

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14 *Town Cable Contract:* Contract is set to expire.

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16 *Conservation Fields:* Briggs Lockwood noted improvements and work on trails behind
17 CES and encouraged further use by CES and the district. Board members mentioned that
18 CES has used the outdoor conservation areas including Kimball Pond. A Canterbury
19 official will meet with Principal Morrison/teachers about drawing a conceptualization of
20 an outdoor classroom.

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22 *Baptist Road:* Canterbury officials indicated that they have had no success with NHDOT
23 on fixing the road in front of CES. NHDOT has estimated the cost to redo Baptist Road
24 to be \$4 million.

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26 Superintendent Blount mentioned to Canterbury officials that the district's Finance
27 Committee has just started the FY 2012 Budget Development. He outlined concerns that
28 towns and schools will still have to continue to pick up the state's share of retirement.
29 The state will release the district's expected adequacy figures on November 15th. Mr.
30 Blount mentioned that the district is currently in negotiations with the teachers'
31 association. He concluded his remarks with an invitation for members to attend one of
32 his informal "meet & greet" gatherings on November 8, 2010; December 7, 2010 and
33 January 10, 2011 from 3:00 – 4:15 at the CES Library.

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35 *School Board Retreat:* The School Board Members and Superintendent were joined by
36 New Hampshire School Boards Association Consultant Tom Haley to review and discuss
37 the Board's current vision statement as well as several other topics of interest to the
38 district. The Board decided to postpone any in depth review or reaffirmation of its vision
39 as several members could not be present. However, discussion did ensue regarding
40 Attorney Eggert's earlier presentation, the district's special education programs and
41 processes, current and future utilization of physical space to accommodate program
42 needs, as well as strategies to ensure adequate and appropriate staffing for all
43 eventualities. Through consensus of members, Superintendent Blount was directed to
44 provide the Board with analysis of special needs trends and how existing space or space
45 within the communities may be used to house programming.

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1 The Board discussed succession planning/emergency staffing of administration. Mr.
2 Haley recommended that the Board consider an organizational chart policy. Members of
3 the Board agreed the importance of having a policy and plans in place. Superintendent
4 Blount was directed to prepare such plans and policy.

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6 ADJOURMENT

7 *At 8:28 PM, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from*
8 *Sean Embree, and seconded by Heidi Hutchinson, and by unanimous roll call vote to*
9 *enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a)(b)(c).*

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11 Respectfully Submitted,

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14 Mark A. Blount

15 Clerk Pro Temp