



North Canaan Board of Education

MEETING MINUTES

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*The North Canaan Board of Education met at 7pm on Thursday, May 9, 2019,
in the North Canaan Elementary School library.*

Board members present: Erin Drislane, Chairperson; Rebecca Cahill, Dorothy Cecchinato, Amy Dodge, Michael Ellington and Robert Hewins

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Dr. Pamela Vogel, Superintendent

Danielle Brennan, Katty Brennan, Chris Claydon, Mia Claydon, Olivia Claydon, Alexandra Ferraro, Ellanor Karcheski, Hannah Johnson, Ava Nason, Melissa Piscitello, Tina McGarry, Rachel Molecyk and Mike Flint (CATV6) Justin Hajek arrived at 7:55 P.M.

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Mrs. Drislane.

II. **Board Recognition:** Mrs. Cahill recognized Mrs. Ferraro, Special Education teacher. She stated that she sees all the positive in a student less the disability. Her model is “Let’s fill the bucket with positives.” She has been a great addition to the North Canaan Elementary School faculty.

III. **Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, April 11, 2019, and April 24, 2019, as written. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

IV. **CABE Student Leadership Awards:** Dr. Roy announced that she and middle school teachers chose one 7th and 8th grade student who qualified for the CABE Student Leadership Award. She introduced Mia Claydon, 7th grade student as the first recipient of the award. She stated that Mia is safe, respectful and responsible at all times. She works well with her peers, problem solves and is very organized. Dr. Roy introduced Ava Nason, 8th grade student as the second recipient of the award. She stated Ava is a very mature and caring student. She creates a positive learning environment for the school and works very well with others.

Mrs. Cecchinato reported that it is *Teacher Appreciation Week*. She stated that she has worked with teachers all her life from a one-room school, elementary, and high school and on the Board of Education. She reported that teachers are here for us and thanked them for all that they do.

V. **Public Comment:** None

VI. **Communications:** None

VII. **Region I Report:** Dr. Vogel reported on the last Region I meeting she attended. Some of the items she discussed are listed below:

- There was a presentation by Mr. Stever and Mr. Schibi regarding the Student Assistance Team and SRBI.
- Student representatives reported on their last fundraiser, “Nest Top Mountaineer.”
- Michael Berkeley, Bruce Bennett, Richie Crane, Cricket Jacquier, Wendy Kennedy, Christian Allyn, Ron Dower, Phil Hart, Bunny McGuire, Pauline Moore, Woods Sinclair, Mary Lu Sinclair, and Tom Zetterstrom were recognized for their contribution to HVRHS.
- The IDEA Grant Application in the amount of \$707,406 for IDEA sections 611 and 619 (preschool) was approved.
- Several Board policies were approved.
- An early dismissal day on June 17, 2019, for the Senior Awards Ceremony was approved.

VIII. **All Board Chair Report:** None

IX. **Pride in Student Learning:** Mrs. Molcyk reported that students from her WIN classes spent lots of hours with their peers working on a project concerning the dangers of vaping. Some of the questions the students reported the answers on are listed below:

- How many kids are vaping?
- Why do kids use Juuls?
- What are the health issues of vaping?
- Why do kids vape?
- What can we do?
- What chemicals are in them?

All Board members thanked them for their presentation. Mr. Ellington reported that it is not easy to get up and talk in front of people but the students did a great job sharing their information.

X. **First Reading of Recommended Policies:** The Board had a first reading of policies #1140 Student/Community, #1324 Soliciting Funds from and by Students, #1411 Law Enforcement Officials, #1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property and #6141.323 Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering as defined by the Children’s Internet Protection Act. The Board will have a second reading on these policies with a vote for approval next month.

XI. **Action Items:** Mrs. Drislane made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of policies #5144.1 Restraint and Seclusion, #5145.5 Sexual Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, and #5113 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect or Sexual Assault of Students by School

Employees as recommended by administration. Mr. Hewins seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

Mrs. Cahill made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the lease agreement between the Canaan Child Care Center and the North Canaan Board of Education as presented. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: 6 -yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to recommend to the full Board to continue the Healthy Food Certification Program for the 2019-2020 school year with healthy food options pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, and to certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups. Mrs. Cahill seconded. Vote: 6- yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to recommend to the full Board to allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. Mrs. Cahill seconded. Vote: 6 - yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

XII. Administrative Reports

Principal’s Report: Dr. Roy reviewed her monthly report with Board members. Some of the items she reported on are listed below:

- This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and the PTO has given gifts, food and massages to show their appreciation.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments are being given to students in grades 3-8 and the science assessment will be given to students in grade 5 and 8 on May 22 and 23.
- Fifty eight students rode their bikes to school on *Ride Your Bike to School Day*.
- Tomorrow is the last day for students, staff and parents to take the climate survey.
- Twenty seven students attended Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The words “Buddy Bench” will be painted on the outdoor school benches to foster friendship on the playground.

- The baseball/softball season has begun and North Canaan girls have not lost a single softball game.
- Four 6th grade students from China will come to visit North Canaan Elementary starting Monday for one month.
- The North Canaan Town Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. for the 2019-2020 town budgets.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Dr. Vogel reported to the Board on Ms. Carter's monthly report. Some of the items she discussed are listed below:

- Approximately eighteen students are coming from China to visit Region One.
- Smarter Balance and NGSS tests are being administered to students in Region One during May.
- A team of principals and teachers in Region One will visit with the Lake Garda School in Burlington, Connecticut in late May.
- The SEL Task Force met to discuss the expectations for Region One students with regard to the development of their social and emotional awareness by the time they graduate from HVRHS.
- Counselors and psychologists met to discuss the final plans for the introduction of Human Trafficking, a new curriculum in Region One schools next year.
- Some Region One teacher positions have been filled.
- The ELA and Career programs have been a wonderful addition to Region One.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Vogel reviewed her monthly report with Board members. Some of the items she reported on are listed below:

- Several sessions were held concerning the Inter-Agency Regional Task Force on Friday, April 26th. Mountainside Treatment Center staff and members presented their stories to the high school students on recovering from alcohol and drugs during the day. The Northwest Corner Prevention Network and the McCall Center sponsored the evening session.
- There was a good turnout at the meeting with Legislators on April 23rd. Maria Horn and Craig Minor shared their opinions about several bills.
- Six Kent teachers, Ms. Carter and Dr. Vogel attended the ASCD National Conference in Chicago in March.
- One of the important proposal from Legislators at the LCSA meeting with CABE is to communicate more with Boards by video conferences.
- Policies continue to be reviewed concerning the CABE audit.
- The plays in Sharon and Kent were wonderful.

XIII. Public Comment: None

XIV. Executive Session: Mrs. Dodge made a motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Student Tuition (2 students) with Action Anticipated and invite Dr. Roy,

Dr. Vogel and Mr. Hajek, at 8:24 P.M. Mrs. Cahill seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 P.M. Mrs. Drislane seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

The Board reconvened to its regular meeting at 8:50 P.M. Mrs. Cahill made a motion to waive Policy #5118.1 for the 2019-2020 school year for the two students that were the subject of the Executive Session and not to charge tuition. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

XV. Adjournment: Mrs. Cahill made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 P.M. Mrs. Drislane seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Hewins

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: June 13, 2019