



North Canaan Board of Education

MEETING MINUTES

90 Pease Street, North Canaan, CT 06018 www.nceschool.org

*The North Canaan Board of Education met at
6:30pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, virtually through Google Meet.*

Virtual meeting was held using Google Meet: Rebecca Cahill, Dorothy Cecchinato (phone), Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Michael Ellington, Amy Dodge, and Sarah Visconti

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Dr. Scott Fellows and Jill Pace, Assistant Superintendents; Brian Bartram, North Canaan Representative (phone)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Mrs. Drislane

II. Consent Agenda:

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes for a special meeting dated June 16, 2020, as written. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Visconti.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Communications:

A letter was received from Andrea Caggiano for her resignation. Dr. Roy commented that there is someone hired to replace Ms. Caggiano. Mrs. Drislane recognized Mrs. Caggiano as a great teacher who would be missed.

V. Region I Report - Mr. Bartram, North Canaan Representative

Mr. Bartram expressed his excitement regarding the hire of our new Superintendent Lisa Carter and our new Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Scott Fellows and Jill Pace. Mr. Bartram reported on the following two Region One Board meetings since the last North Canaan Board meeting:

- June 15th - Mr. Bartram made two motions at the Region One Board meeting that he said no one seconded. The first was to accept the statement of work from the One Eleven Group, dated June 15, 2020, contingent on the ABC also voting in favor. The second motion was that the Region One Board approve the statement of work from the One Eleven Group, dated June 15, 2020, contingent upon the ABC also voting in favor of the proposal. Ms. Carter came up with an idea to make sure all the local chairs would be involved as she is working with Janet from the One Eleven Group, which was approved unanimously.
- June 29th - Mr. Bartam stated that the vote was approved to expend \$5,900 out of the 2019-2020 unexpended budget funds, and authorize Lisa Carter to sign a one-year contract with Niche, which is a search engine for schools.

- Local Boards also have the option to sign up to Niche for approx. \$1800 for each school. The purpose is to put our schools out there especially in the time when new families are moving into the area looking for education.

VI. All Boards Chair Report

Mrs. Drislane suggested that if anyone is interested in the All Boards Chair Report they should go to the Region One website to watch the videos that are listed.

VII. Action Items

A. Mrs. Drilane recommended to the full Board the approval of the hiring of Dr. Sarah Braun as a middle school science teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at a doctoral step 5-6 with a salary rate of \$62,028. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Visconti.

B. Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of the hiring of Kate Earley as a middle school mathematics teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at a master's step 2-3 with a salary rate of \$47,595. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Visconti.

C. As suggested by Dr. Roy, Mrs. Drislane made a motion to take the action of the 2020-2021 Recommended Calendar Change off the agenda. There will be additional changes to the calendar as per allowances of the state Board of Education. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Visconti.

D. The Board did not take action on the Paraprofessional Salary Change item. No vote was needed because the salary is to remain at the same level.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Adjournment: Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Cecchinato, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Visconti.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: August 18, 2020