



North Canaan Board of Education

MEETING MINUTES

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

The North Canaan Board of Education met for a special meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, virtually through Google Meet.

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

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal and Brian Bartram, North Canaan Representative (phone)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Mrs. Drislane

II. Public Comment: Mr. Bartram explained to the Board why he voted against the hiring of Lisa Carter for Interim Superintendent at the Region One Board meeting. He stated that he was in favor of saving the \$10,000 it would take to hire a company to search for a Superintendent and make Lisa Carter the Superintendent instead of an interim.

III. Hiring of a First Grade Teacher (to replace a retirement): During the Board discussion Dr. Roy stated the favorable characteristics and proven capabilities that Mrs. Bradley has demonstrated by being a long-term substitute teacher during the 2019-2020 school year. Some Board members heard from multiple parents that North Canaan Elementary school would be lucky to have Lisa Bradley. Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of the hiring of Lisa Bradley as a first grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at a bachelor's degree step 13 with a salary rate of \$72,323. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington, and Mrs. Visconti.

IV. Approval of hiring of Lisa Carter as Interim Superintendent: The Board discussed in length the option to possibly save the \$10,000 for the search for a Superintendent and hire Lisa Carter as the permanent Superintendent now. The Board all agreed that this would be ideal and if this was an option they would vote yes. Mrs. Drislane agreed she would state this at the ABC Committee meeting when the vote takes place. Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of hiring Lisa Carter as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington, and Mrs. Visconti.

V. Updated Bus Contract: North Canaan is saving \$23,000.00 with this contract. Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval to put through the updated amendment for the rest of the 2019-2020 year bus transportation contract. Mrs. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington, and Mrs. Visconti.

VI. Budget presentation to the Board of Finance - Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 pm

Mrs. Drislane let the Board know it would be good to join the Board of Finance meeting to give support from our Board. Dr. Roy commented that she will request to not increase the tax mill rate due to the savings in the school budget this fiscal year and the money that will be going back to the town that will be more than the requested increase.

VII. **Public Comment-** Mr. Bartram would like our Board to know that the Region One Board will have an open Zoom meeting budget proposal hearing on May 7th at 7pm. Following that hearing the Board will vote on the budget.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Cahill, Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Ellington, and Mrs. Visconti.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: May 12, 2020