

Minutes Canaan Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Lee H. Kellogg School • PO Box 237 • 47 Main Street • Falls Village, CT 06031

Tuesday November 4, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Lee H. Kellogg Library

In Person with Zoom Link Option

BOE Chair Patricia Mechare, Vice Chair Adam Sher, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Member Emily Peterson (virtual), Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose (virtual).

Guests: ELA Educator Christine Dascanio, 6th graders Odhran K., Violet C., 7th graders Tzuf S., Lev S., Dutch D., & Connor G., LHK community members Amanda Spelbos (virtual) Nikki Blass (virtual), Cady Bloodgood (virtual), an unknown “iPhone” (virtual), parents Michael & Krista Conte, Janna Siller. Parents, students and Ms. Dascanio departed at 5:17 pm. Blass departed at 5:30 pm. Spelbos and an unknown person identified as “iphone” departed at 6:36 pm.

- I. Call to Order 5:02
- II. **Approval of Agenda - motion to add to the agenda under New Business, item C: Proposed Region 1 2026-2027 by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimous.**
- III. Spotlight on Learning [Outdoor Classroom](#), Christine Dascanio and students. Discussion re: Adam Sher spoke about Adamah/Isabella Freeman camp located in Falls Village.
- IV. Minutes Approvals
 - A. **Motion for approval of the [10.07.2025 Minutes Canaan BOE Regular Meeting](#) by TGraney, seconded ASher, unanimously approved.**
 - B. **Motion for approval of the [10.27.2025 Minutes Canaan BOE Special Meeting](#) by TGraney, ASher, unanimously approved.**
- V. Communications
 - A. Public Comment
 1. LHK Library Manager Nikki Blass read aloud a [letter](#) she wrote to the Canaan BOE.
 2. Maria Bulson lauded Theresa Graney’ service to the Canaan Board of Education as this is her last meeting.
 - B. [Town of Canaan Clerk 2026 Meeting Schedule Request](#) Wadsworth will submit the Canaan BOE usual schedule of first Tuesdays Sept - June with virtual .
 - C. [School Climate Meeting Minutes](#) - noted - need a parent to serve.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Anticipated action regarding World Language position (.5) - action taken at last meeting when the Board agreed to establish World Language instruction with French by the current .5 Art Teacher, Madeleine Stern, making her a full time teacher.

- B. Tabled for next meeting: Out of state field trip NYC (Christine Dascanio & Stern not able to be present at this meeting).
- C. [Proposed calendar 2026-2027](#) reviewed; already approved by Region 1 Elementary School Principals. Adam Sher suggested that Good Friday should be labeled otherwise on the calendar. **Approved as presented by MBulson, seconded by TGraney with the caveat to change the wording for Good Friday.**

VIII. Reports

- A. [Principal](#) (October Newsletter)
- B. [Assistant Superintendent](#)
- C. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Next Generation Accountability Report 2025

IX. Financial Reports

- A. **Check Register - [October 10.01.25-10.24.25](#) motion to receive by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimous.**
- B. **Cash Report - [October 2025](#) motion to receive by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimous.**

- X. **Motion to enter into an Executive Session at 6:36 for a personnel discussion with all BOE members present, the superintendent and the assistant superintendent by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimous to enter into an Executive Session.**
 - A. The Executive Session was exited at 7:03 pm.
 - B. **On a motion by ASher, seconded by MBulson, the board unanimously agreed to hire Dr. Andrew Deacon to be the principal of Lee H. Kellogg School based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and the work done with the Principal Search Committee for a contract beginning December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 with contractual stipulations as recommended by Brady-Shanley and to be annually reviewed each March 1.**

- XI. **Adjournment at 7:05 pm on a motion by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimous.**