

Minutes Canaan Board of Education – Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday December 2, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Link Option

Current BOE Chair Patricia Mechare, Current Vice Chair Adam Sher, Member Emily Peterson, Member Maria Bulson, new Member Scott Miller, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose, Principal Andrew Deacon, Executive Secretary & Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth.

Guests: Madeleine Stern, ART and French World language teacher (Stern departed at 5:20) and community member and LHK parent Nikki Raye Cesta.

- I. **Call to Order 5:02**
- II. **BOE Officer Elections to serve 2 year terms**
 1. **Motion** to nominate Pat Mechare to serve as Chair by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimously passed.
 2. **Motion** to nominate Adam Sher to serve as Vice Chair by MBulson, seconded by EPeterson, unanimously passed.
 3. **Motion** to nominate Maria Bulson to serve as Treasurer by PMechare, seconded by ASher. Emily Peterson asked for an on topic discussion re: putting an Assistant BOE Treasurer in place to cover when needed. Superintendent Brady-Shanley stated that the Canaan BOE By-Laws would need to be amended and could be done at the next January meeting. Motion for MBulson to serve as Treasurer passed unanimously.
 4. Pat Mechare welcomed our new BOE member Scott Miller.
- III. Spotlight on Learning [Madeleine Stern, ART](#)
- IV. **Motion** for the approval of the agenda by MBulson, seconded by ASher with the amendment to move Spotlight on Learning ahead of the Executive Session.
- V. **Motion to enter into an Executive Session at 5:25 pm** to discuss a parent complaint using a zoom breakout room to include all BOE members present, Superintendent Brady-Shanley, Assistant Superintendent Rose, and Principal Deacon was made by ASher, seconded by MBulson, unanimous to enter into a closed session with recording paused. **The executive session ended at 6:29 pm. Motion by MBulson, seconded by ASher for Superintendent Brady-Shanley to respond to the parent complaint within 48 hours.**
- VI. **Motion** to approve the [11.04.2025](#) Minutes from the Canaan BOE Regular Meeting as presented by MBulson, seconded by EPeterson, unanimously approved.
- VII. Communications/Committees
 - A. PMechare reported that the Region One Board met 12/1/25 - [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#). PMechare reports that Sam Herrick has begun the budget work for 2026-2027 for Region 1, RCSS, & Pupil Services
 - B. PMechare reported that the last ABC Board meeting was held 11/19/25 - [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)

- VIII. Old Business (n/a)
- IX. New Business
- A. Out of state field trip (NYC) Dascanio/Stern info coming for January meeting
 - B. [Lunch Cost Increase](#) - **Motion** to accept a .25 cent increase for lunch bringing the fee to **\$3.75** starting January 5, 2026 for those who pay in full by ASher, seconded by SMiller, unanimously approved. MBrady-Shanley noted Region 1 lunch cost, even with the increase, is still lower than most other regions.
- X. Reports
- A. Principal Deacon [Entry Plan](#) & [Next Generation Accountability Report](#)
 - B. [Assistant Superintendent](#)
 - C. [Superintendent's Report](#)
- XI. Financial Reports
- A. Motion to receive the Check Register - [November 11.07.25-11.21.25](#) by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimous to receive.
 - B. Motion to receive the Cash Report - [November 2025](#) by ASher, seconded by MBulson, unanimous to receive.
- XII. Public Comment- parent Nikki Raye Cesta [read a statement for the record](#)
- XIII. Motion to adjourn at 7:13 by SMiller, seconded by EPeterson, unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted 12.02.25 by Laurie W. Wadsworth