

Minutes Canaan Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Virtual Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Present: BOE Chair Patricia Mechare, Vice Chair Adam Sher (departed at 5:33), Treasurer Emily Peterson, Member Maria Bulson, Member Scott Miller, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose, Principal Andrew Deacon, Executive Secretary & Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth.

- I. Call to Order 5:08
- II. **Motion for approval of Agenda with the addition of adding a discussion for budget meeting dates, and a presentation order change for Dr. Rose by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimous.**
- III. **Budget Meeting Dates:** #1: Monday February 23, 2026 at 5 pm Hybrid. #2 Monday March 2, 2026 at 4:30 pm Hybrid.
- IV. Spotlight on Learning (*none this month*)
- V. **Motion to approve the [01.06.2026 Minutes](#) Canaan BOE Regular Meeting by MBulson, seconded by EPeterson, unanimous.**
- VI. Communications/Committees - Pat Mechare reported. See linked:
 - A. Region One Board (Mechare) Feb. 2, 2026 [Meeting Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#)
 - B. ABC Board (Mechare) Jan. 28, 2026 [Meeting Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#)
- VII. Old Business (n/a)
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Policies - First Reading: [Policy Summary Sheet](#)
 1. [4152.6 Family and Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#)
 2. [0521 Nondiscrimination](#)
 3. [6161.12 Library Material Review and Reconsideration](#)
 4. [6161.13 Library Collection Development and Maintenance](#)
 5. [5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment Work Release](#)
 6. [Service Animals](#)
 - B. **Motion for the Canaan Board of Education, as a subscribing member to Region One policies, to adopt the Region One 2000 Series presented below by EPeterson, seconded by SMiller, unanimously approved.**
 1. [2100 Administrative Staff Organization](#)
 2. [2112 Professional Development](#)
 3. [2121 Lines of Responsibility](#)
 4. [2131 Superintendent of Schools](#)
 5. [2200 Administrative Operations](#)
 6. [2210 Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy](#)

7. [2220 Representative and Deliberate Groups](#)
8. [2230 Control and Communication Channels & Systems](#)
9. [2231 Policy and Regulations Systems](#)
10. [2300 Code of Ethics](#)
11. [2410 Administrative Organization](#)

C. Discussion: Election of a Canaan BOE Secretary - Pat Mechare will investigate and review at next meeting in regard to the BOE's by-laws.

IX. Reports

- A. [Principal's Report](#) Dr. Deacon augmented his [report with images and data](#).
- B. [Assistant Superintendent's Board Report](#)
- C. [Superintendent's Report](#)

X. **Motion to Receive Financial Reports by MBulson seconded by EPeterson, unanimous to receive.**

- A. Check Register - [January 01.01.26-01.31.26](#)
- B. Cash Report - [January 2026](#)

XI. Public Comment - n/a

XII. Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm by MBulson, seconded by EPeterson, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie W. Wadsworth

LHK Executive Secretary, Secretary to the Canaan BOE