

Minutes Canaan Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

IN PERSON, LHK Library at 5 pm

Lee H. Kellogg School

PO Box 237 • 47 Main Street • Falls Village, CT 06031

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1. **Call to Order at 5:01 pm.** Present: Patricia Mechare, Board Chair; Maria Bulson, Board Treasurer; Scott Miller, Board Member (Virtual); Dathalinn O'Dea, Board Member. Absent/Excused: Adam Sher, Board Member. **A quorum is present.** Also in Attendance: Principal Jill Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Andrew Deacon, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, LHK tuition parent Roxann Kallman, and LHK Grandparent and Falls Village resident Barbara Lobdell.
 - a. **Add to the agenda under New Business, item d.** [District Improvement Plan](#) presentation by M.Brady-Shanley and A. Deacon.
2. Public Comment - n/a
3. Approval and Receipt of Minutes: **Motion by MBulson, seconded by DO'Dea, unanimous to approve the [DRAFT 09.01.26 MINUTES Canaan BOE Regular Meeting](#) and the [DRAFT 09.10.26 Minutes Canaan BOE Special Meeting](#) as presented.**
4. Committee and Administrative Reports:
 - a. [Principal Report](#)
 - b. [Assistant Superintendent Report](#)
 - c. [Superintendent Report](#)
 - d. ABC Representative [09.23.26 Agenda](#), [09.23.26 Minutes](#)
 - e. Region One BOE Representative [10.05.26 Agenda](#), [10.05.26 Minutes](#)
5. Correspondence to the Board
 - a. Noted from All Star Transportation - [List of Bus Drivers for 2026-2027 School Year](#).
6. **Motion to receive the [NBT Check Register 09.01.26-09.25.26](#) and the [September 2026 Cash Report](#) by MBulson, seconded by D'Odea, unanimous. The [Non-Lapsing Fund Balance](#) is unchanged from last month.**
7. Old Business:
 - a. Second Read Canaan BOE: Policy# 4118.232/4218.232 revisit: [Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace](#), page 2, paragraph 1. **Remains tabled.** M.Brady-Shanley is still negotiating language.
 - b. First read from District-Wide Policy Meeting - no questions or comments, moving to second read with action anticipated for November meeting.
 1. *From 2025-2026 School Year:*
 - a. [Policy #4112.8/4212.8](#) Nepotism: Employment of Relatives
 - b. [Policy #4113.12](#) Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers

- c. [Policy #4115](#) Educator and Support Program
- d. [Policy #4115.3](#) Evaluation of Coaches
- e. [Policy #4117.4](#) Non-Renewal/Suspension - Certified

2. *From 2026-2027 School Year: no questions or comments*

- a. [Policy #5118.1](#) Homeless Students
- b. [Policy #5118.2](#) Educational Opportunities for Military Children
- c. [Policy #5122](#) Assigning Students to a Teacher and Classes in Grades PK-12
- d. [Policy #5123](#) Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
- e. [Policy #5124](#) Reporting to Parents

8. New Business:

- a. [8th Grade Trip to Washington DC - ET Adventures](#) - May 18 - 21, 2027. Discussion, **add to next agenda for action.**
 - i. Cost per student - \$1,418.00
 - ii. BOE Support - \$0.00
 - iii. Fundraising/Donations Expectation - \$ 1,418.00/student
 - iv. Final anticipated cost to Families - \$ 0.00
- b. Possible Out of State Field Trips -
 - i. [5th, 6th to NYC 11/2/26](#) - BOE has questions regarding transportation. **BOE approves the trip altering the transportation method to school provided bus transportation to/from the Pawling MetroNorth train station if possible.**
 - ii. Falcon Alliance/Falcon Times to Norman Rockwell - did not discuss, move to November meeting.
- c. [Organizational Forum Links and Advertisement](#)
- d. [District Improvement Plan](#)
- e. Letters re: Organizational Study - the BOE is still looking for a [parent representative](#) and the BOS will appoint someone.

9. [Presentation of Organizational Study Results for Falls Village/Canaan](#)

10. Board Goals and Round Table - n/a

11. Public Comment - n/a

12. Motion to adjourn at 7:27 on by SMiller, MBulson, unanimous.