Canaan Board of EducationSpecial Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 7:30 AM

VIRTUAL

1. **Call to Order 7:36 am** - Present: Chair Patricia Mechare (late), Vice Chair Adam Sher, Treasurer Marie Bulson, Member Scott Miller, Member Dathalinn O'Dea, Principal Jill Johnson, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley.

2. New Business:

    a. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a new 2nd Grade Certified Teaching Position.
    Principal Johnson walked through the financial facts. There are current savings in this year's budget due to how the current staffing and benefit packages have panned out and a recent grant of $25,000 to offset Social Worker can be utilized. The rest of the budget items will be carefully reviewed.

    Motion by ASher to create a second grade certified position based on Principal Jill Johnson's recommendation. Seconded by SMiller. DO'Dea yea, SMiller yea, ASher, yea, Abstentions: PMechare and MBulson abstained due to their stated concerns regarding the timeline and the notion that hiring a certified long-term substitute for the remainder of this year be considered.

3. **Adjournment 8:35 am**.

Respectfully submitted 11.12.26,
Laurie W. Wadsworth
Executive Secretary, Secretary to the BOE

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