

**Canaan Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
Lee H Kellogg School  
Falls Village, Connecticut**

A special meeting of the Canaan Board of Education was held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Canaan Board of Education members convened along with members of all seven boards of education in Region One to listen to a presentation by Superintendent Lisa Carter regarding the proposed 2021-2022 Regional Calendar. After the presentation, Carter took questions during which time it was noted by one Canaan BOE member that the proposed February holiday did not coincide with Presidents' Day, as it has traditionally. After the conclusion of questions, Canaan BOE members convened in their own separate, public session held via Zoom.

Chair Mechare called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Members in attendance were Theresa Graney and Tanya Golden. Absent were Adam Sher and Maria Bulson. Also in attendance were Principal Alexandra Juch and Kristen Panzer, secretary to the board.

Discussion among board members ensued. The board considered maximizing full, uninterrupted weeks of school to support the continuity and flow of teaching and learning. They looked at professional development/early dismissal days and tailoring these opportunities to meet the needs of Kellogg students and teachers. They discussed placement of holidays, including Columbus Day and the February break. By consensus, the Board was of a mind to ask that the February Break be pushed back to coincide with Presidents' Day, which they believed would be more convenient for families. They also agreed that Kellogg would re-visit the issue of early dismissal/professional development days when members Sher and Bulson were available to participate in the discussion. They also agreed that this year's calendar development process was a good and effective one, and noted that Carter had listened to and responded to their concerns about calendar development in general.

By consensus the board agreed to have Principal Juch be their spokesperson to present their comments and concerns to the Region One Board of Education, which was to reconvene to vote on the proposed calendar. The Canaan BOE meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm, when board members returned to the larger meeting.

During the subsequent session of the Region One Board, the Region One Board voted to adopt the proposed calendar, including the amendment requested by Canaan BOE.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Panzer