

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021
Lee H Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut**

A virtual meeting of the Canaan Board of Education was held via Zoom on Tuesday March 2nd. Members in attendance were Patricia Mechare, Chair; Maria Bulson; Tanya Golden; Adam Sher; and Theresa Graney. Also in attendance were Alexandra Juch, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; interim co-assistant superintendents Jill Pace and Scott Fellows; Kellogg faculty member Bethany Franklin; and Kristen Panzer, secretary to the board.

Mechare called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. There were no changes to the agenda.

Bethany Franklin made a presentation to the board on music instruction at Kellogg.

On a motion by Graney, seconded by Sher, the board voted to approve the minutes of the Feb. 2nd meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Bulson, seconded by Graney, the board voted to approve the minutes of the February 8th meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Bulson, seconded by Graney, the board voted to approve the minutes of the February 18th meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Golden, seconded by Graney, the board voted to approve the minutes of the February 22nd meeting. Unanimous.

There was no public comment. There were no written communications. Mechare gave the Region One report and the ABC committee report.

Discussion turned to the regional calendar. Juch reported that faculty wanted to take all seven professional development opportunities (early release days). Board members were generally supportive of professional development needs but there were also concerns expressed about too many interruptions to the flow of instruction and learning. Board members were polled, Carter and Pace weighed in. Eventually a compromise position of six early release/professional development afternoons was proposed, with the December 8th PD day being dropped. Bulson made a motion to approve the calendar as amended, Bulson seconded. All were in favor.

Juch informed the board that request for bids on lawn care services had been published in the paper, posted on the Region One website, and mailed out to several local landscape companies who had expressed interest. Mechare asked that Juch arrange that a board member be present (virtually) when the sealed bids are opened and recording and the job is awarded.

Update on spending plan: The board will meet again to continue their work on March 4th. The board awaits final figures from Region One budget.

Assistant Superintendent Search: The work of the ABC committee continues.

Juch gave a distance learning update. As of the meeting there were 17 students distance learning. The board asked about the process by which a student could change learning platforms (i.e. move from distance learning to in person or vice versa). Juch informed the board that she has requested up to 48 hours' notice for changes to learning platform. The board expressed some concern about the length of time it takes for the school to respond to these requests. The board requested a more timely response so that students who are well but who can't attend school (for covid prevention reasons or other) would not have to miss out on valuable instruction time.

There were no additional bids on the K 1 2 heating update to report to the board. There was a bid on asbestos mitigation which will have be part of the project. The bid was in the \$1200 range.

Juch, Pace and Fellows, and Carter presented their administrative reports.

Bulson made a motion to receive the financial reports, seconded by Graney. All were in favor.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business of the board, Graney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Golden. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer