

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop
Wednesday, March 31st, 2021
Lee H Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut**

A special meeting of the Canaan Board of Education was held Wednesday, March 31st via Zoom. Members in attendance were Pat Mechare, Chair; Theresa Graney; Adam Sher; Maria Bulson; and Tanya Golden. Also in attendance were Alexandra Juch, Principal; Eliza Paolucci, LHK faculty member; and Kristen Panzer, secretary to the board.

Mechare called the meeting to order at 7:04. On a motion by Golden, seconded by Graney, the board voted to approve Ms. Paolucci's leave without pay request for April 7th, 8th, and 9th. Unanimous.

The board next took up Draft 7 of the proposed spending plan, submitted by Juch, which had been trimmed at the direction of the board to a 3% year to year increase (\$6049 in savings from Draft 6). This led to a brief discussion of Nature's Classroom, with several board members expressing their interest in resuming this overnight field trip as soon as it was safe to do so.

Mechare reviewed the next steps in the budget process with the board. The BOE presentation to the BOF will likely take place on April 12, details to be determined. Bulson made a motion that the board present Draft 7 of the budget to the Board of Finance. Graney seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor. Mechare to submit Draft 7 with a cover letter to the BOF prior to the 12th.

The board agreed by consensus to enter executive session for the purposes of principal contract discussion at approximately 7:45. All were in favor. The board came out of executive session at 8:42. There being no further business of the board, Sher made a motion to adjourn, Graney seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer