

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 6th, 2021
Lee H Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut**

A virtual meeting of the Canaan Board of Education was held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6th. Members in attendance were Pat Mechare, Chair; Theresa Graney; Tanya Golden; and Adam Sher. Maria Bulson was absent. Also in attendance were Alexandra Juch, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; co-assistant superintendents Jill Pace and Scott Fellows; LHK faculty member Eliza Paolucci; members of the public; and Kristen Panzer, secretary to the Board.

Chair Mechare called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Golden made a motion to approve the agenda, Graney seconded, and all were in favor. There was no BOE recognition, although the board looks forward to bringing it back.

Eliza Paolucci presented on the social studies curriculum, sharing student work including a video of their Colonial Village project, and then taking questions from the board.

On a motion by Graney, seconded by Golden, the board voted to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Golden, seconded by Graney, the board voted to approve the minutes of the March 4th special meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Golden seconded by Graney the board voted to approve the minutes of the March 22nd special meeting.

The board had not had sufficient time to review the minutes from the March 31st special meeting and tabled it for another meeting.

There was no public comment.

Juch shared a letter to the board from the auditors, advising that there would be no further charges.

Mechare gave the Region One report, including kudos to the budget committee and Regional Business Manager Sam Herrick for their work on developing next year's budget and an update on graduation plans; the ABC committee has been at work on the assistant superintendent search and is ready to make a recommendation to the Region One Board.

On a motion by Sher, seconded by Golden, the board voted to award the lawn care contract to Quinion Landscaping according to the bid received. Unanimous.

Mechare noted that the proposed spending plan had been forwarded to the board of finance with a letter, and would be discussed at an April 12th meeting; Juch reported on the distance learning numbers in the month of March; and the board touched on the K 1 2 heating system project, but no bids had been received by meeting time.

Next the board took up policy review. Golden made a motion to remove Item 4 in the "Non-Resident" section of Policy 5118.1, referring to a 25% tuition discount for non-resident children of parents who work in the town of Falls Village. Motion seconded by Graney. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the item was included in the policy manual in a clerical error, and that it had in fact been struck in the policy

that the board members had adopted at the time. The vote was unanimous, and Item 4 in 5118.1 shall be removed (by KP).

Policies 0523, Equity and Diversity; 4213.6, Remote Work/Telecommuting/Telework; 6159, IEP/Special Education were presented to board members for a first reading. It was noted that language in the policies needs to be changed from Region One Board of Education to Canaan Board of Education.

On a motion by Graney, seconded by Golden, the board voted to participate in the National School Lunch Program as a site of HVRHS according to the interschool agreement as presented. Unanimous.

Superintendent Carter updated the board about Covid related grant funds (ARP/ESSER) that may be available to LHK.

On a motion by Golden, seconded by Sher, the board voted to change the meeting time for the remainder of the upcoming regular meetings to 7pm (instead of 6pm). Unanimous.

Juch, Pace and Fellows, and Carter presented their administrative reports to the board.

On a motion by Golden, seconded by Graney, the board voted to receive the financial reports. Unanimous.

There being no further business of the board at the April regular meeting, Golden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sher. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer