

Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021 7:00 PM
Lee H Kellogg School
Falls Village, CT

A special meeting of the Canaan Board of Education was held via Zoom on Monday, May 17, 2021 for the purposes of considering a recommendation to hire and to discuss a possible overnight field trip during the 2021-2022 school year with Nature's Classroom.

Members in attendance were Pat Mechare, Chair; Theresa Graney; Adam Sher; and Tanya Golden. Member Maria Bulson was absent due to a death in the family and the need to attend memorial services that evening.

Also in attendance were teachers Robin Faust and Jen Calhoun; Principal Alexandra Juch; Superintendent Lisa Carter; and co-assistant superintendents Pace and Fellows.

Chair Mechare called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Juch presented a recommendation to hire Lauren Montagna as a full-time faculty member, to fill the vacancy created by Faust's retirement. Faust and Calhoun then endorsed the candidate before the board, followed by Pace and Superintendent Carter, who recommended the board not delay and approve this qualified candidate. Board member Sher asked some questions about the structure of the K, 1, 2 combined classroom post-covid. Discussion of classroom structure ensued. Based on the superintendent's recommendation to hire, Sher made a motion to hire Lauren Montagna at BA step 5 at \$52,086, seconded by Graney. There was no further discussion and all were in favor.

The only other business on the agenda was a discussion of a Nature's Classroom field trip in the upcoming school year. Juch informed the board the deposit is not required until December of 2021, and that new faculty member Christine Dascanio is the Nature's Classroom coordinator for Kellogg. The board agreed to not authorize payment of the deposit until further review of the current year's spending at the June regular meeting. At the conclusion of discussion, Golden made a motion that next year's 6th and 7th grade would attend a Nature's Classroom overnight field trip to Rhode Island in spring of 2022, details to be settled by the lead team. Motion seconded by Graney. All were in favor.

There being no further business of the board at this special meeting Graney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Golden. There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer