

**Canaan Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm Held Virtually via Zoom for Lee H. Kellogg School  
Falls Village, Connecticut, 06031

**In attendance:** Chair Patricia Mechare, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Member Tanya Golden.

**Absent/Excused:** Vice Chair Adam Sher and Member Maria Bulson. A quorum is present. **Also in attendance:** Region One Schools Superintendent Lisa Carter, Region One Schools Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose, Principal Stacey Calo, Lee H. Kellogg Art Educator Susana (Martinez) Bauer, Lee H. Kellogg Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, CATV Media. The LHK Earth Savers Club Members (listed below) were invited to present and the Earth Savers Club members/families left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

- I. Call to Order 7:03 pm.
- II. Board of Education Recognition - [Earth Saver's Club](#) (Isabella, Olivia, Jillian, Edith, Sophia, Lola) debuted their PSA about the life of a plastic fork and reusing forks as a simple way to cut back on plastic.
- III. Focus on Student Learning - Susana Martinez-Bauer, K-8 LHK Art teacher overviewed her room and her plans for a studio setup as opposed to a classroom setup. K-4 is more guided; 5-8 is more independent study as Art transitions into Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB). For the older students, she has successfully introduced such tools as wood burning and styrofoam cutters to test out for permanent installation in the art room. Per trimester, students have (2) independent studies and one theme. Students have to indicate what they need for their projects by using their sketchbooks for materials and for self-starting and preparing. Art also includes identifying commonly used items by their Spanish name.
- IV. Approval of Agenda with the addition of the February 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimous.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - A. [January 3, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes](#) approved on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimous.
  - B. [February 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes](#) approved on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimous. PMechare reminded the board that the Canaan BOF needs our proposed 2023-2024 SY budget by March 6, 2023.
- VI. Communications
  - A. Public Comment - N/A
  - B. Written - N/A
  - C. Region One Representative PMechare reported on the Feb. 6, 2023 meeting ([Agenda Minutes](#)). Highlights include naming the gymnasium after Ed Tyburski, incorporating Mid-Term exams again at HVRHS.

- D. ABC Committee Representative PMechare reported on the Jan. 25, 2023 meeting ([Agenda Minutes](#)) highlights include the Superintendent's half-term goals, 7000 series policies reviews, and staff members retiring (Vance Cannon, Lindsay Colligan, Martha Schwaikert among others).

## VII. Old Business

- A. Update on the roof - SCalo reports that as a result of the last Building Committee meeting, she gathered estimates for sections of the roof rather than the entire. Focus is on the flat roof over K,1,2 and she has estimates from RS Construction & United Roofing to share at the next Building Committee meeting for a scope of work to be done either at the end of this current school year or the beginning of the next. A Building Committee Report will be presented at the March regular monthly meeting.
- B. [Update on water softener/Aquarion issue](#) - Shane Grant's conclusion is that when our water softener is used, the piping/flushing has problems with the zlights (pink pellets) that are still cycling through the system. His report and recommendations will be addressed at the next Building Committee meeting and will be reported at the March regular monthly meeting.

## VIII. New Business

- A. [Region 1 Calendar](#) Discussion of LHK PD days: LCarter overviewed that there are 7 half-day professional development days; 2 are region-wide and 5 are in-house. This is down from 9 in prior years. SCalo spoke about how LHK wants to develop its vision for the region-wide Portrait of a Graduate and is in favor of keeping all of the early release professional development days, in particular for K,1,2 and 3,4 collaborations that are difficult to do at any other time. SCalo is in favor of keeping all professional development days to include non-certified staff who otherwise contractually leave at 3 pm and do not attend Staff Meetings. On a motion by TGolden seconded by TGraney, unanimous approval for having the LHK 2023-2024 School Year Calendar follow the proposed PD days as set on the Region One Calendar, including the December 6, 2023 early release day with the stipulation that Regional PD days are a 12:10 dismissal and in-house days are a 1:00 pm dismissal.
- B. Field Trip - Nature's Classroom - October date in 2023 going to New Hampshire the same time as Kent Center School. Approval of the outdoor education program at Freedom, NH on a motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.

## X. Reports

- A. [Principal](#) - SCalo highlights mid-year teacher evals, Study 3:15 Enrichment to start Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.
- B. [Assistant Superintendent](#) - highlights include working on (3) curriculum areas - counseling, elementary school level reading, and humanities with K, 4 & 5 grades. Next PD days will be used to train for Frontline. Staffing updates - 7 open positions.
- C. [Superintendent](#) - highlights include Ed Advance's grant to provide each school in Region 1 with a .5 counselor or social worker (in addition to current staff) funded for

5 years; School -Based Health Centers (SBHC), and Healthcare Industry Internships partnering with Nuvance.

- XI. Financial Reports
  - A. [SNB Check Register 01.01.23-01.20.23](#) on a motion by TGraney and seconded by TGolden, unanimously received.
  - B. [January Cash Report](#) on a motion by TGraney and seconded by TGolden, unanimously received.
- XII. Committee Reports - Building Committee VII B. for water softener reported above.
- XIII. Public Comment - N/A
- XIV. Motion for an Executive Session for personnel matter approved on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney. Breakout room created at 8:48 pm for PMechare, LCarter, SCalo, TGolden, and TGraney. JRose departed the Canaan BOE meeting at this time.
- XV. Above group returned from the Executive Session at 9:25 with corrective action taken: Motion to correct Principal Calo's current contract for 2022-2023 school year to give her 4 personal days by TGraney and seconded by TGolden passed unanimously.
- XVI. Adjournment at 9:28 pm on a motion by TGraney, seconded TGolden, un

Respectfully submitted February 7, 2023

Laurie Wadsworth, LHK Office Administrator and Secretary to the Canaan BOE