


Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm Held Virtually via Zoom for Lee H. Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut, 06031

In attendance: Chair Patricia Mechare, Member Maria Bulson, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Member Tanya Golden. **Absent/Excused:** Vice Chair Adam Sher **Also in attendance:** Region One Schools Superintendent Lisa Carter, Region One Schools Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose, Principal Stacey Calo, Lee H. Kellogg Science/STEAM Educator Rebecca Perugini, Lee H. Kellogg Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, CATV Media and the current substitutes at LHK invited for recognition: Gail Allyn, Amber Cameron, Jane Capellaro, Patricia Decker, and Paula Rogers (Sue Dodge unable to attend). G. Allyn, A. Cameron, and P. Rogers exited the meeting at 7:08 pm. J. Capellaro exited at 7:12 pm. P. Decker exited at 7:18 pm. R. Perugini exited the meeting at 7:20 pm

- I. Call to Order 7:02 pm.
- II. Board of Education Recognition - Substitutes on call at Lee H. Kellogg School. Gail Allyn, Amber Cameron, Jane Capellaro, Patricia Decker, and Paula Rogers (Sue Dodge was unable to attend) were lauded for their excellent work at Kellogg during employee absences and the gratitude of the BOE, LCarter, and SCalo was communicated to all present.
- III. Focus on Student Learning: Rebecca Perugini [Presentation](#) for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Rebecca overviewed her work with K-8 students and her collaboration/co-teaching work with all of the teachers.
- IV. Motion to enter an Executive Session with members of the BOE present for the meeting, LCarter, JRose, SCalo, and Attorney Thomas Mooney for the discussion of confidential attorney-client communication regarding legal issues related to budget preparation and submission made by MBulson, seconded by TGolden, unanimous. Session created at 7:20 pm. Session concluded at 8:18 pm
- V. Approval of Agenda on a motion by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
- VI. Approval of 12.06.22 minutes on a motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved  12.06.2022 Canaan BOE Regular Meeting Minutes
- VII. Communications
 - A. Public Comment - N/A
 - B. Written/Telephone - Tuition Student Iris Wood, second grade, to return to Kellogg Jan. 2023 approved on a motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden for a prorated amount based on the \$2,000 for a full year.
 - C. Region One Representative - PMechare reported on the meeting January 2, 2023 Highlights: King & King accountants were appointed as auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal school year. New travel club trips proposed. Pupil Services is looking to develop internships with Nuvance Health. [Agenda](#) [Minutes](#)

- D. ABC Committee - Representative PMechare reports meeting was mostly about Middle School Sports.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Update on the roof - need a Building Committee Meeting to be set and a report will be presented to the BOE.
- B. Update on water softener/Aquarion issue - SCalo reported that Shane Grant will be scheduled to evaluate.
- C. Policies - Second Reads
 - 1. Updates to Existing
 - a) [1411 Community Relations- Law Enforcement](#) - Updates approved on a motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimous
 - b) [1312 Public Complaints](#) - Updates approved replacing language stating "Region One BOE" with "Canaan BOE" - motion by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
 - c) [1212 School Volunteers](#) - Updates approved on a motion by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
 - d) [1330 Use of School Facilities](#) - Updates approved on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
 - 2. Second Read - Recommended - Table until February meeting.
 - a) [1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property](#)
 - 3. Retire Policies
 - a) [1325 Advertising & Promotion](#) - Retire - motion by TGolden, seconded by MBulson, unanimously approved.
 - b) [1250 \(1240\) Visits to Schools](#) - Retire - motion by TGolden, seconded by MBulson, unanimously approved.
 - c) [1313 Gifts to the School](#) - Retire - motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.
- D. Board Retreat with Jonathan Costa - 4 hour time commitment. Canaan BOE members are in favor, TGolden requests before April; TGraney requests a Friday. ASher needs to be polled. TBunce will work with LWadsworth for scheduling. Possibly use the Central Office Conference Room or the FV Senior Center.

IX. New Business

- A. Middle School Sports activities and updates. LCarter presented figures pre and post pandemic. Slightly less students overall participated in the new Middle School sports program over pre-pandemic levels as individual schools. Budgeting was shared. Sci-Tech activities are on the table for addition. PMechare noted that travel time is still an issue (starting at 4 or 4:15 pm) and would like to see more teachers coaching. Motion for Lee H. Kellogg to continue involvement with the Middle School Sports

including budgetary figures as presented by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.

B. Set workshop dates for proposed spending plan 2023-2024:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Monday, January 30, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 @ 6:30 pm if needed

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 6:30 pm if needed

X. Reports

A. [Principal](#)

B. [Assistant Superintendent](#)

C. [Superintendent](#) - note: Summer 2023 - Lee H. Kellogg and Cornwall Consolidated School (their request) - Mike Ellington's [proposal](#). PMechare noted she would like @kelloggschool.org to be kept as an email alias to preserve identity.

XI. Financial Reports

A. [SNB Check Register](#) motion to receive by TGraney seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.

B. [December Cash Report](#) motion to receive by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, unanimously approved.

XII. Committee Reports n/a (Building Committee TBD)

XIII. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment at 9:51 pm - motion by TGraney seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted January 3, 2023

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