

Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm Held Virtually via Zoom for Lee H. Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut, 06031

All Members in attendance: Chair Patricia Mechare, Vice Chair Adam Sher, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Member Maria Bulson, Member Tanya Golden. **Also in attendance:** Region One Schools Superintendent Lisa Carter, Region One Schools Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose, Principal Stacey Calo, Lee H. Kellogg Middle School Math and Technology Educator Diane Bossers, Lee H. Kellogg Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, CATV Media, and an unidentified iPhone user.

- I. Call to Order 7:03 pm
- II. Board of Education Recognition- n/a
- III. Focus on Student Learning - LHK Educator Diane Bossers [presented a Problem Solving Process](#) that is applicable to many situations. They applied it to a real world situation involving the 3 D printer in the computer lab at LHK, setting it up, testing a design that came with the printer and then finding a falcon design; it was not successful and Ms. Bossers reinforced the notion of FAIL - First Attempt in Learning. Bossers talked about her work with other grades.
- IV. Approval of Agenda Motion by MBulson, Seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.
- V. Approval of Minutes [April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes](#) motion by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
- VI. Communications
 - A. Public Comment
 - B. Written [Playground equipment request](#) - PMechare's major concern is in regard to insurance and there might be prerequisites/design requirements, otherwise she does not have a problem if all liabilities have been met. TGolden thinks it would benefit young families/children to become familiar with the school grounds as a welcoming environment. ASher commented that a space in town, if it exists, that is available all hours (not just outside of school hours) might be a more amenable space. SCalo & PMechare will follow up with DDomineck.
 - C. Region One Representative - PMechare reported the 5.1.23 in person/hybrid meeting in Room 133 involved many topics including field trips, curriculum, tuition Ag students, first and second policy readings, retiring and new staff. [Region One May 1, 2023 Agenda](#) [Region One May 1, 2023 Minutes](#)
 - A. ABC Committee - PMechare reported on the very brief 4.26.2023 meeting. [ABC 4.26.2023 Agenda](#), [ABC 4.26.2023 Minutes](#).
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Roof Update - more after another meeting Friday, **May 5, 2023** . PMechare added that we have to stay within the budget allocated.
 - B. Eastern Water Solutions Update - SCalo reports that the filter system shows no zlites, everything is working as it should. Next is Aquarion putting in an outside meter reader.

- C. [Review & discussion of the revised teacher description](#) motion to approve TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
- D. 2023-2024 Canaan BOE Spending Plan Proposal Update - PMechare reports that the Canaan Board Of Finance will be meeting Monday, May 8th, there is as of yet no final figure that the BOF has recommended to the Town of Canaan for a referendum.

VIII.

New Business

- A. Summer Building Use - [Falls Village Recreation Commission](#) PMechare reports that a copy of insurance via the Town of Canaan documenting appropriate coverage is on file. Emily Peterson, Town of Canaan Recreation Director, reports probably 20 students would be using the fields and the restrooms for the dates and times described in the linked file. Motion to allow the usage of the LHK fields/bathroom facilities by the Town of Canaan Recreation Commission's Creative Kids Camp by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.
- B. [Curriculum Committee Framework Review](#) LCarter reports that Region One has been compliant in spirit; Region One attorney urged to formalize the process by creating a committee. Motion by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.
- C. [Youth Voices Count survey](#) LCarter reports that this survey replaces the previous Developmental Access survey. SCalo reports that she would like Kellogg School grade 7 & 8 students to take the survey. It will not be able to be distributed digitally. Parents may opt out; if they want to review it, they will need to come into the school office.
- D. [Returning Tuition Student Applications](#) Motion to approve Jenaveeve Wagner and Payton Wagner as returning tuition students (entering grade 7 & 8 respectively) by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved. Motion to approve Isabella Melino as a returning tuition student entering grade 5 by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved. Motion to approve Iris Wood and Jane Wood as returning tuition students (entering grade 2 and 7 respectively) by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved. Motion to approve AHertel as a returning tuition student entering grade 3 by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
- E. [New Tuition Student Application - Mochak](#) motion to approve Marek Mochak following an acceptable Kindergarten Registration assessment as a new tuition student entering Kindergarten by TGraney, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.
- F. Request for Registration Approval for a Kindergarten student with DOB 01/01/2019 for the 2023-2024 School year per CSDE Statute [Sec. 10-15c. Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year-olds](#) Motion to approve Lana Dean, following an acceptable Kindergarten Registration assessment, as a new Tuition Student entering Kindergarten by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.
- G. May 10, 2023 12:10 Dismissal Approval Professional Learning Opportunity - n/a

X. Reports

- H. [Principal](#) - highlights include Enrichment 3:15, Kindergarten will be led by Amelia Nichols and will be separating from 1&2. 1&2 will be led by Lauren Montagna. Instructional Intervention will be led by Jen Calhoun. Calo shared new Outdoor Education field trips for all grades with Ed Thorney with plans to continue and expand his programming next year. SCalo reports that Mindy Rosen will be hired as Rebecca Perugini's maternity leave sub.

- I. [Assistant Superintendent](#) - JRose reported that the curriculum focus areas for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are Reading and Humanities (Social Studies and ELA). Teacher partnerships across schools will be encouraged.
- A. [Superintendent](#) - Highlights - LCarter reported during the meeting that the 2023-2024 Region One Budget has been approved and was passed by every town. Carter reminded all that April and May have many Appreciation Days for various staff positions (principals, teachers, school nurses, etc.) Carter reported that Ashley Holmes has been hired as Supervisor, Special Education (replacing Rebecca Gaschel-Clark , who is succeeding retiring Martha Schwaikert). LCarter applauded all that is going on at Lee Kellogg following her visit last week. Carter reports that the Troutbeck Symposium was another success and she hopes that more schools will participate.

XI. Receive Financial Reports

- A. [SNB Check Register](#) motion to receive by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously received.
- B. [April Cash Report P&L](#) motion to receive by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously received.

XII. Committee Reports- n/a

XIII. Public Comment - n/a

XIV. Adjournment motion to adjourn at 8:50 by TGolden, seconded by TGolden, unanimously approved.