

Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm
In Person in the Library at Lee H. Kellogg School
Falls Village, Connecticut, 06031

In attendance: Chair Patricia Mechare, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Members Tanya Golden, and Maria Bulson. Member Adam Sher and Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose are excused. A quorum is present. **Also in attendance:** Superintendent Lisa Carter, Principal Stacey Calo, Lee H. Kellogg Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, Emily Peterson, and LHK Literacy Specialist Jennifer Calhoun. Calhoun departed at 5:35 pm.

- XI. Call to Order at 5:04 pm
- XII. Board of Education Recognition: Tanya Golden was lauded after one and half terms of service to the Canaan Board of Education with many compliments and much appreciation, her resignation has been accepted with regret.
- XIII. Focus on Student Learning - Jen Calhoun, [LHK Literacy Specialist](#) reviewed her training over the summer and this fall to prepare her for her new position at LHK. Calhoun feels the training has been invaluable and she appreciates the opportunity given and answered questions from the BOE. Calhoun also serves on LHK's MTSS (Multi Tiered Systems of Support), teaches 2nd grade Foundations, Grade 3/4 Phonics, and shares/collaborates within LHK and in Region One.
- XIV. **Approval of Agenda on a motion by MBulson, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.**
- XV. **Approval of Minutes [October 3, 2023 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes](#) on a motion by TGolden, seconded by TGraney, unanimously approved.**
- XVI. Communications
 - A. Region One Representative - [Agenda 11/6/23](#) [Minutes from 11/6/23 Meeting](#) PMechare reported highlights: Ned Gow (North Canaan) and Keith Moon (Salisbury Central) have resigned from the Region One Board. A new course will be made available to HVRHS students by Dr. Fellows called Introduction to Data Science.
 - B. ABC Committee - [Agenda 10/25/23](#) [Minutes from 10/25/2023](#)
- XVII. Old Business
 - A. Policies for Second Read and Final Approval
 - 1. [Cover Memorandum RE: Region 1 7000 Series Policies Revision](#) **MSP MBulson, TGolden, unanimously approved.**
 - 2. [Region 1 7000 Series Policies](#) **MSP MBulson, TGolden, unanimously approved.** PMechare commented she would like to revisit the Signed Joint Employment Agreement.
 - 3. [Region 1 Signed Joint Employment Agreement](#) The Canaan BOE would like to revisit, **MSP to table by TGolden, TGraney, unanimously agreed to table.**
 - 4. [6159 - Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program](#) **MSP TGraney, MBulson, unanimously approved.**

5. [6162.51-Surveys of Students \(Student Privacy\)](#) MSP MBulson, TGraney, unanimously approved.
6. [5125 - Student Records/Confidentiality](#) MSP TGolden, TGraney, unanimously approved.
7. [5131.911 Students Bullying Preventions and Intervention](#) MSP TGolden, TGraney. MBulson, unanimously approved as amended replacing the Superintendent with the Principal.
8. [0523 Equity and Diversity](#) MSP MBulson, TGolden, unanimously approved as amended MSP TGraney, TGolden, unanimously approved.

XVIII.

New Business

- A. First Read Policy: [3160 Transfer of Funds Between Categories; Amendments](#) - MSP to retire policy TGraney, MBulson unanimously approved.
- B. [MOU](#) Paraprofessional/Paraprofessional Learning Memo of Understanding - LCarter explained new memorandum of understanding will give paras more training and they will be paid for professional development when outside of working hours. MSP TGraney, MBulson, unanimously approved.
- C. Policies for **Codification** (only a new and/or specific date stamp required) or **Updated Legal**. MSP to codify all policies/update legal references below with today's date MSP TGraney, TGolden, unanimously approved.
 1. [0050 Code of Ethics](#)
 2. [1120 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings](#)
 3. [1316 Conduct on School Property](#)
 4. [1324 Soliciting Funds from and by Students](#)
 5. [1331 Smoke Free Environment](#)
 6. [3110 Budget Planning](#)

XIX.

Reports

- A. [Principal](#) Highlights - community engagement, field trips, Kindness Club. Smarter Balance according to Dr. Rose shows LHK is even or ahead of Region One.
- B. [Assistant Superintendent](#) Dr. Rose was unable to attend.
- C. [Superintendent](#) LCarter - 2022-23 Next Generation Accountability in general is good in Region One. Chronic absenteeism affects LHK's rating (3). Highlights: Threat Assessment Training, Safety Audit. CCCS has had the audit followed by HVRHS. All schools will be assessed by June. 2024-2025 will feature Career and College Acceleration with Ed Advance could eventually allow students to graduate with an Associates Degree and can include summer sessions.

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Financial Reports

- A. [Check Register](#) NBT 10.1.23 - 10.31.23. MSP to be received by TGolden seconded by MBulson, unanimous.
- B. [October Cash Report](#) MSP to be received by MBulson, seconded by TGolden, unanimous.

XXI. Public Comment n/a

XXII. **Adjournment MSP TGolden, seconded by MBulson, unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted November 7, 2023

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

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