

**Canaan Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 In Person, LHK Library at 5:00 pm  
Lee H. Kellogg School, Falls Village, Connecticut, 06031

**In attendance:** Chair Patricia Mechare, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Members Emily Peterson, Maria Bulson and Vice Chair Adam Sher joined. A quorum is present. **Also in attendance:** Lee H. Kellogg Principal Stacey Calo, Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, invited guests: the LHK Kindness Club lead by School Social Worker Lynn Shea, LHK Social Studies teacher Eliza Paolucci. The Kindness Club and Lynn Shea departed at 5:15 pm. Paolucci departed at 5:25 pm.

- I. Call to Order 5:04
- II. Board of Education Recognition: **LHK Kindness Club Members** (Hope LE, Payton M., Addy S., Piper P.) led by Lynn Shea. The members reported that they leave notes, gave each student a carnation during the student council's Valentine's Day event, and will be taking other actions to benefit the entire student body. A kindness garden is planned. Shea reported that all activities have a focus on building community service.
- III. Focus on Student Learning - [LHK Humanities Teacher Eliza Paolucci](#) see presentation - writing includes themes, connecting ideas, not just facts. Ms. Paolucci also teaches geography classes and leads the Kellogg Times Hum News to focus on developing facts and reporting.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda with the addition under New Business to add the approval of the LHK portion 2024-2025 Spending Plan approved unanimously by MSP MBulson, EPeterson.**
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - A. [02.06.2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes](#) approved unanimously by MSP by MBulson, EPeterson.
  - B. [02.15.2024 Minutes Special Budget III Meeting](#) approved unanimously by MSP by MBulson, EPeterson.
  - C. [02.27.2024 Minutes Special Budget IV Meeting](#) approved unanimously by MSP EPeterson, MBulson.
- VI. Communications
  - A. Region One Representative - PMechare reported from last meeting [3.4.24 Agenda Minutes](#). the HVRHS Graduation date is Jun 14, 2024 . HVRHS budget is still being worked on.
  - B. ABC Committee - PMechare reported from last meeting [2.13.24 Agenda 2.13.214 Minutes](#) The superintendent search committee has several applications to review and they hope they will conclude in mid-March.
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Policies for Second Read
    1. [Policy 9323 - Construction of the Agenda](#) MSP by MBulson, PMechare, unanimous.
    2. [Policy and Regulation 5141.221 - Pediculosis](#) MSP with first paragraph changing the word "archaic" to "past" by MBulson, EPeterson, unanimous, PMechare abstains
    3. [55131.911 - Connecticut School Climate Policy](#) MSP MBulson, EPeterson, unanimous.

4. [Policy 4115 - Educator and Leader Evaluation and Support](#) MSP EPeterson, MBulson, unanimous.
5. [Region 1-6141.321 Computers Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media and District Network Systems](#) MSP EPeterson, MBulson, after ensuring the language “K-8” and “Canaan/Region 1 Board of Education” are consistent throughout, unanimous.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Approve the LHK Budget portion only on a motion by MBulson, TGraney, unanimously for a total of \$2,302,734 representing a 3.08% increase over 2023-2024.**

B. Healthy Food Certification for National School Lunch Program Sponsors (NSLP)

1. **Vote 1:** Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Canaan Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. **MSP MBulson, EPeterson, unanimously approved.**
2. **Vote 2:** The Canaan Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. **The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.** “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. **MSP EPeterson, MBulson, unanimously approved.**
- C. Review and discussion of the [Region 1 Increasing Equity Diversity Plan](#) - **MSP to approve the plan to be submitted to the state by MBulson, seconded by EPeterson, unanimously approved.**

XI. **Financial Reports - MSP to receive both reports by MBulson, EPeterson, unanimously received**[Check Register](#) NBT 02.01.2024-02.16.2024 and [Cash Report](#) February Cash Report

XII. Public Comment N/A

XIII. Adjournment at 6:59 pm

Respectfully submitted March 5, 2024

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