In attendance: Chair Patricia Mechare, Vice Chair Adam Sher, Treasurer Theresa Graney, Secretary Maria Bulson. Members Emily Peterson joined virtually. A quorum is present. Also in attendance: Lee H. Kellogg Principal Stacey Calo, Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE Laurie Wadsworth, invited guests Meg Sher, School Social Worker Olivia Lerz. MSher departed at 5:10 pm, OLERz departed at 5:33 pm.

I. Call to Order 5:05 pm

II. Board of Education Recognition: Meg Sher, LHK Parent, FOLKS President & Treasurer, DM Hunt Library Executive Director. PMechare read aloud a laudatory overview of all that Meg does in partnership with LHK.

III. Focus on Student Learning - Olivia Lerz, School Social Worker from EdAdvance overviewed the online program “Character Strong” that LHK and other Region 1 schools are piloting. Olerz showed us a 5th grade lesson about “Courage” and answered questions from the board regarding her work with SEL (social emotional learning). SCalo remarked that Morning Meeting incorporates parts of Character Strong and that school principals will be meeting around these topics. There is a shared username and password to the site that all educators have access to.

IV. Motion for Approval of Agenda with the addition of item D. under VI. Communications - Letter from Employee by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, all in favor.

V. Approval of Minutes
   A. 03.05.2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by ASher, seconded by TGraney, all in favor.
   B. Building Committee Meeting Minutes 03.26.24 Motion to receive by TGraney, seconded by ASher, all in favor

VI. Communications
   A. Creative Kidz Club Summer 2024 Schedule Permission to use LHK Athletic fields and restrooms when the weather allows. Motion to approve possible usage during (3) weekly sessions: July 15 - July 19; July 22 - July 26, July 29 - Aug. 2. by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, all in favor.

   B. Region One Representative - PMechare reported on the most recent meeting: 4.1.24 Agenda 4.1.24 Minutes highlights include the ECE History department celebrating winners of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Winners of the National Hamilton Education Program National Performance Competition. 10 teams were chosen nationally, 2 of the teams were from HVRHS. There was a Region 1 budget update, there will be money back to the Town of Canaan from the 2022-2023 budget of around $31,900.00 after 2% was kept back as allowed by the law for the Region 1 Recurring Capital Account. Thursday April 4 @ 6:30 will be the public hearing for the budgets. See minutes for new hires and other staff updates.

   C. ABC Committee - PMechare reported that the Superintendent search will hold interviews planned as narrowed down to 3 on Thursday, Apr 4, 2024.
D. Letter from Employee the board accepts the resignation with regret.

VII. Old Business
A. LHK Proposed 2024-2025 Budget update - the Canaan Board of Finance will meet Wednesday, Apr 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall to review the Canaan Board of Education budget and PMechare urged as many BOE members to attend as possible.

VIII. New Business
A. LHK 2024-2025 Calendar - Motion to set all (7) half days for professional development on the 2024-2025 calendar to be dismissed at 12:10 pm by MBulson, seconded by ASher, unanimously approved.
   1. Wednesday, September 18, 2024 - 12:10 pm
   2. Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - 12:10 pm
   3. Wednesday, November 6, 2024 - Regional 12:10 pm
   4. Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - 12:10 pm
   5. Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - 12:10 pm
   6. Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - Regional 12:10 pm
   7. Wednesday, May 7, 2025 - Regional 12:10 pm

B. Current school year: The Central Office has requested a 1 pm dismissal for new curriculum training on Monday, June 10 & Tuesday, June 11, 2024. ASher urged that community work regarding what to do with students after school programming in support of families is needed. Motion to allow 1 pm dismissals on June 10 & June 11, 2024 by TGraney, seconded by MBulson with the comment that she hopes this does not become an annual occurrence, motion passes.

C. Region One Educator Evaluation Plan, first read. LCarter overviewed the importance of new ways to evaluate our educators as opposed to a 1-4 scale; in particular having the principal in the classes and having the teachers be self-reflective.

IX. Reports
A. Principal - see linked report. Overview of students participating in MS Sports, Building Committee updates (see minutes), and the Solar Eclipse.
B. Assistant Superintendent - see link
C. Superintendent see link - HVRHS graduation is Jun 14, 2024.

XII. Financial Reports - Motion to receive the financial reports Check Register NBT, March Cash Report as presented by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, unanimously received.

XIII. Motion to enter into an Executive Session at 7:02 pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue with LCarter, SCalo, and all BOE members by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, all in favor. The Executive Session ended at 7:08 pm.

XIV. Public Comment - n/a

XV. Adjournment at 7:09 on a motion by TGraney, seconded by MBulson, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted on April 2, 2024
by Laurie Wadsworth, LHK Executive Secretary/Secretary to the BOE