



**North Canaan Board of Education**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
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*The North Canaan Board of Education met in the library  
on Thursday, February 26, 2026, for a special meeting.*

**A meeting was held:** Lindsey Crane, Amy Dodge, Stephannie Grant, Christopher Jacques, Brooke Riva, Gina Terwilliger, and Caitlin Tomko.

**Others present:** Beth Johnson, Principal and Sam Herrick, Business Manager for Region One

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairperson Amy Dodge.
  
- II. Budget workshop for the North Canaan Elementary School Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.**  
Principal Johnson presented the Board with the budget process.
  
- III. Adjournment:**  
Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Rooney

Approved: March 10, 2026

Our Mission Statement: North Canaan Elementary School is dedicated to developing a collaborative community of learners who achieve academic excellence, exhibit social awareness, and demonstrate respect and responsibility.

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Board Member Appreciation Month - Melony Brady-Shanley and Jeanine Rose
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes - February 19, 2026, Meeting
  - B. Minutes - February 26, 2026, Special Meeting
- IV. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only
- V. Communications - Written
- VI. Region One Reports  
BoE meeting minutes
- VII. All Boards Chair Report  
All Boards Chair meeting minutes
- VIII. Discussion regarding whether the district will hold school on June 19, 2026 in observance of Juneteenth
- IX. Action
  - A. Policies -
    1. 5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment Work Release
    2. Service Animals
  - B. Grade Promotion/Graduation Date -
  - C. North Canaan Elementary School Budget 2026-2027
- X. Administrative Reports
  - A. Principal's Report (March)
  - B. Assistant Superintendent's Report (March)
  - C. Superintendent's Report (March)
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations (with action anticipated)

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### XIII. Adjournment

**Public Comment:** The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes, which will be monitored. Speakers must introduce themselves and state the topic of their comment. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and/or programs that concern them. To protect the impartiality of the Board, we will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about North Canaan Elementary School personnel or students, nor against any person connected with the Region One public schools. Such issues should be brought to the school building administration or the office of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board will not respond to comments made during Public Comment, except to clarify issues, if necessary. When appropriate, the school administration will follow up at a later point in time, or in conjunction with the Board Chair, schedule a topic as an agenda item for a future Business Meeting of the North Canaan Board of Education.