



*The North Canaan Board of Education met in the library  
at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.*

**A regular meeting was held:** Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Stephannie Grant, Christopher Jacques, Maribeth Marchi, and Kristine Simmons.

**Others present:** Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Mrs. Drislane.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Devino made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, and the April 20, 2023, Special Meeting, as written. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

## **III. Public Comment - None**

## **IV. CAFE Student Leadership Awards**

Dr. Roy announced the winners for the CAFE Student Leadership Award. She introduced J. Sherwood and E. Krauz, both 8th grade students as the recipients. Both student's families were present. Dr. Roy read a biography describing each student's accomplishments, their commitment to be of service to their peers and their integrity in and out of school.

## **V. Communications - None**

## **VI. Region One Report**

Mr. Gow was not present. Ms. Carter reported the following:

- Three Non-Resident AgEd Tuition student requests were approved.
- The AgEd field trip request for the Washington Leadership Conference was approved.
- The AgEd field trip request to the FFA Alumni Exchange Program was approved.
- Policies were approved.

## **VII. All Boards Chair (ABC) Report**

Mrs. Dodge was not present. Ms. Carter reported that discussion was held regarding updating school safety and security for all the Region 1 Schools.

## **VIII. June meeting location/end-of-year dinner**

Dr. Roy announced that the Board would be able to return to Geer for their end-of-year dinner/meeting.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **A. Student Tuition Waivers (two students)**

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to the full Board to waive the tuition fee prescribed in Policy #5118.1 for the 2023-2024 school year for the two nonresident students who are currently enrolled as children of staff. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

### **B. Kiln for Art Room**

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to the full Board to purchase a kiln for the art room at the cost of \$5,359 using unspent funds from the bus transportation line and to transfer these funds to line 730 1016 instructional purchases. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

### **C. Projection Screen and Projector for Auditorium**

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to the full Board to purchase a projection screen and projector for the auditorium at the cost of \$7,466 (\$3,056 and \$4,410 respectively) using unspent funds from the bus transportation line and to transfer these funds to line 730 1016 instructional purchases. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

### **D. Virtual Reality Glasses**

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to the full Board to purchase a set of 30 virtual reality glasses, a charging case, and shipping at the cost of \$17,649 using unspent funds from the bus transportation line and to transfer these funds to line 730 1016 instructional purchases. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

## **IX. Administrative Reports (A copy is available through the links on the May agenda.)**

***Principal's Report:*** Dr. Roy provided a brief overview of her monthly report. Some of the items she reported are listed below:

- Bingo returned for families at NCES. Over \$1,000 was raised by the PTO to award scholarships to high school seniors this June.
- The 33rd Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration was held on Friday, April 28th. The northern catalpa was the tree added to the arboretum this year. Kindergarten and grade 1 students sang songs. Grade 5 students read original poems while the 6th-8th graders cleaned the courtyard in the back of the school in honor of Earth Day and to prepare for planting later in May: removing weeds and leaves, trimming, mulching, adding rocks as ground cover to the picnic table area, adding loam to the planters, and planting seeds to grow indoors.
- Since the end of January our school recycled a total of 28,505 items.
- NCES had a SBAC Assessment Pep Rally on the Monday before testing began. Students and staff also had a pajama day, a day students always enjoy.
- Thursday, May 11th, from 6-8 pm will be the spring Celebration of the Arts. The Art Show will be from 6-8 pm and every student will have at least one art piece in the show. The Band and Chorus Concert begins at 6:30 pm.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report:** (A copy is available through the links on the May agenda.) Dr. Rose was not present for the Board meeting. Ms. Carter reported on the following items.

- A Reading TaskGroup composed of 10 reading and elementary teachers from each school in the Region have worked with Dr. Rose over the past few months to review all seven of the approved state reading programs.
- The Humanities Curriculum purchased from Naugatuck combines our K-8 ELA and social studies instruction into one curriculum. Region One will be implementing the curriculum for grades 4 and 5 in all schools next year, along with a couple of individual teachers who would like to implement in grades 3 and 6.
- There is continued work being done for the summer school program. The middle school summer program is being held at the high school from July 10-21. Barbara Hockstader of Salisbury has agreed to be the program coordinator.

**Superintendent's Report:** (A copy is available through the links on the May agenda.)

Ms. Carter provided a brief overview of her monthly report. Some of the items she reported are listed below:

- Ms. Carter expressed her thanks and appreciation to all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to our schools.
- Ms. Carter has completed her visits to all the Region One schools. She enjoyed being at NCES to see all of the students and teachers in their classrooms.
- All of the schools have completed the BOE retreats that included a presentation regarding the future of the workplace by Jonathan Costa of EdAdvance.
- Five of the Region One schools, including North Canaan, participated in the Troutbeck Symposium that focuses on the rich multicultural history of the Troutbeck Inn and the surrounding area. Other private and public schools joined for a day of student presentations and discussions.

**X. Public Comment** - Dr. Roy announced that May 31st at 7pm there will be a meeting at the Town Hall to vote on the School and Town budgets. Mrs. Grant announced that she will be advertising all the Town Recreation Sports meetings through social media.

**XI. Adjournment:** Mr. Devino made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Drislane, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Rooney

Approved: June 13, 2023