



North Canaan Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
90 Pease Street, North Canaan, CT 06018 www.nceschool.org

*The North Canaan Board of Education met at
6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, virtually through Zoom.*

A virtual special meeting was held using Zoom with the Region One Boards of Education:

A virtual special meeting of the Region One Boards of Education was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, using Zoom. A quorum of Board Chairs was in attendance: Chair Pat Mechare, Canaan; Flora Lazar, Salisbury; Sara Cousins, Sharon. Absent: John Sanders, Cornwall; Jenn Duncan, Kent; Patricia Keilty, North Canaan.

Others present: Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Jeanine Rose, Assistant Superintendent; Ian Strever, HVRHS Principal, and Beth Johnson, Assistant Principal (North Canaan Elementary School).

Board members in attendance by town:

Canaan – Principal Stacey Calo; Pat Mechare; Adam Sher; Emily Peterson, and Theresa Graney

Cornwall – Principal Leanne Maguire; Board Clerk Annie Kosciusko; Dean Saccardi; Rachel Matsudaira; Iris Hermann, Hugh Cheney, Martha Bruhl

Kent – Board Clerk Meghan Robb; John Grant; Naomi Joseph; Heather Brand, Kate Symonds

North Canaan – Principal Dr. Alicia Roy; Administrative Secretary Kerry Rooney; Kristine Simmons; Amy Dodge; Stephannie Grant, Brooke Riva, Lindsey Crane, Kristine Simonds, and Christopher Jacques

Salisbury – Assistant Principal John Conklin; Board Clerk Liz McNiff; Barret Prinz; David Valcin; Peter Becket; Liz Dittmer; and Jacquie Rice

Sharon – Board Clerk Cindy Webb; Doug Cahill; Plamen Petkov; Nancy Hegy-Martin; Philip O'Reilly, and Anne Vance

I. Call to Order: Chair Mechare called the Region One Board meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Each of the additional Boards in attendance also called to order. Mrs. Dodge called the North Canaan Board of Education meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

II. Proposed 2024-2025 Regional Calendar Presentation - Lisa Carter:

A presentation on the proposed 2024-2025 Regional Calendar was made by Superintendent Lisa Carter. Ms. Carter provided a walkthrough of the start of the school year, all professional development dates, holidays, and conferences.

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

IV. Discussion on Proposed 2024-2025 Regional Calendar (by School District):

Each Board went into breakout sessions at 6:28 pm where they discussed the calendar as individual groups. The North Canaan Board of Education went into a Google meeting to discuss. Dr. Roy recommended keeping seven out of the seven maximum professional learning early release days due to the upcoming Hill for Literacy Professional Learning that would be needed and training on the new reading program. The Board agreed. There were no other concerns with the calendar draft.

V. Feedback and Discussion from Board Discussions by School District

All Boards came back together using the Zoom meeting link. No changes were made to the proposed regional calendar.

VI. Approval of 2024-2025 Regional Calendar by Region One BOE

A motion was made by Ms. Cousins, seconded by Ms. Lazar, to approve the proposed 2024-2025 regional calendar as presented at this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Review of Policies (first reading)

There was a first reading of policies 9110 Number of Members, Terms of Office and 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office. The Board did not recommend any changes. The policies will be on the February Board meeting agenda for action.

VIII. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Principal's 2024-2025 Contract (Action Anticipated)

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to move into an executive session to discuss the principal's contract for the 2024-2025 school year at 7:09 pm. Mrs. Dodge invited Dr. Roy and Lisa Carter into the executive session. Ms. Jacques seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

The executive session ended at 7:21 pm.

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the principal's contract for the 2024-2025 school year as discussed in executive session. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

IX. Adjourn

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: February 15, 2024