



North Canaan Board of Education
MEETING MINUTES
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*The North Canaan Board of Education met at
7pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, virtually through Zoom.*

A virtual meeting was held using Zoom: Matt Devino, Amy Dodge, Erin Drislane, Christopher Jacques, Maribeth Marchi, and Kristine Simmons.

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Dr. Scott Fellows and Jill Pace, Assistant Superintendents; Ned Gow, North Canaan Town Representative.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mrs. Drislane.

II. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting, as written. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, 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 R. Crane and M. Johnson, both 8th grade students as the recipients of the award.

- Dr. Braun spoke on behalf of R. Crane, describing him as a student who is fully engaged in his academics, several sports, Boy Scouts and had the main role in this year's 8th grade play. R. Crane is known by his peers for being willing to speak up for what is right and having integrity.
- Mrs. Davis spoke on behalf of M. Johnson and described her as a student that is committed to her studies and works very hard to maintain her academic excellence. Mrs. Davis went on to say that M. Johnson's attention to detail and persistence make her a valued school and community member that her peers look up to.

V. Communications - None

VI. Region One Report

Mr. Gow reported on the Region One Board Meeting and provided a brief overview of the meeting as follows:

- A Committee was formed to examine the challenges of conducting hybrid meetings and looking into options for a possible different location that would be a more convenient location for all Towns.
- Robotics Field trip was approved.
- Several people were approved for hire for various positions in Region One.

- There was an approval to accept the recommendation from the Personnel Committee that they approve the salaries and benefits as presented on the chart provided for the 2022-2023 school year.

VII. All Boards Chair Report

Mrs. Drislane reported there was nothing to report because there hadn't been an ABC meeting since the last NCES Board meeting.

VIII. June Meeting Location/end-of-year dinner

Dr. Roy asked the Board members how they felt about the June Board meeting being held at a restaurant as it has been done in the past, before COVID-19, for the June meeting. The Board members all said they would be willing to do whatever everyone was comfortable with, whether it was in person or virtual. Dr. Roy stated she would look further into restaurants to hold the meeting.

IX. Action Items

A. 4115 Evaluation and Support program

Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of policy 4115 Evaluation and Support program as recommended by the administration. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

B. Student Tuition (5 students) Waivers

Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board to waive the tuition fee prescribed in Policy #5118.1 for the 2022-2023 school year for the five nonresident students who are currently enrolled as children of staff. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

C. Oven for Kitchen

Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the purchase of a double oven at the cost of \$10,500 to replace the one in the kitchen that is 32-years-old and not working properly: \$9,000 from the foods service program account and the remainder from the building repairs budget. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

X. 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:

- This year's Arts Day was held at each of the elementary schools. Students had the opportunity to perform with Rockette and Broadway dancer Amber Cameron and also to create with the talented Jill Winsby-Feinn from the Wassaic Project.
- April 29th marked the 32nd Arbor Day Ceremony at our school and the 150th anniversary of National Arbor Day. NCES was able to add a hophornbeam to the school's thriving arboretum.
- During the first week in May all staff were celebrated. The PTO was very thoughtful and presented staff with mugs, fresh scones from Freund's, and a lavender plant with relaxation tips.

- NCES had a Walk, Bike and Roll to school, which had a very good turnout. Students, parents, and staff participated.

Assistant Superintendents' Report: (A copy is available through the links on the May agenda.) Dr. Fellows and Mrs. Pace provided a brief overview of their monthly report. Some of the items she reported are listed below:

- The Regional Summer Learning Program will be held at North Canaan Elementary School and the Region One Summer Fun Middle School Enrichment program will be held at HVRHS. 106 students have been signed up so far.
- Celina Huber has been working with the World Language department at HVRHS to identify candidates to earn the Seal of Biliteracy for 2022. The test sessions began the AAPPL assessments after April Break to see which students will qualify to earn the Seal of Biliteracy. There are 16 candidates for French and Spanish registered to test.
- Amy put together a document for PDEC that outlines the most common themes from the CPP review and will be joining us at the next PDEC meeting to make the final revisions to the document.

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

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

- The Region continues to monitor COVID-19. Region One has had some positive cases throughout the Region, but they are limited and continue to come from outside of school.
- Ms. Carter thanked the staff for everything they have done at the Region's schools in recognition of staff appreciation week.
- Ms. Carter noted that it was wonderful to see the students and teachers so energized when she was at NCES during Peace week.
- There was a Symposium at Troutbeck Inn that took place in April. This meeting was the culmination of a year of discovery of the rich multicultural history of the Troutbeck Inn, which includes early meetings of the NAACP and visits by artists who were part of the Harlem Renaissance. Students were led by teachers from public and private schools in the northwest corner to explore the legacy of the Spingarn family (previous owners of the Inn) as well as research the many black leaders and thinkers who were involved with the Inn throughout the years. Students made presentations to one another and members of the public.

XI. Public Comment: None

XII. Adjournment: Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Mrs. Marchi seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: June 14, 2022