



North Canaan Board of Education

MEETING MINUTES

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*The North Canaan Board of Education met at
6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, virtually through Zoom.*

A virtual meeting was held using Zoom: Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Dr. Scott Fellows and Jill Pace, Assistant Superintendents.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mrs. Drislane.

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to add to the agenda VIII. Action Item K. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an MOA with the North Canaan Faculty Association in place of Hiring of a Teaching Assistant. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

II. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Mrs. Visconti seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Communications - Written

A letter from Matt Devino requesting to serve another 2 year term on the Board of Education was received. Mrs. Drislane made a motion to accept Matt Devino's letter asking to serve an additional 2 year term. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

A letter of resignation from the North Canaan Board of Education was received from Dorothy Cecchinato. Mrs. Drislane commented that Mrs. Cecchinato has served on the North Canaan School Board for many years, has contributed greatly, and was a great asset to the community as well as the Region One Education System. She will be greatly missed. Mrs. Dodge requested to look into getting a gift of appreciation. Dr. Roy said she would assist in finding what has been done in the past and would order a gift on the Board's behalf.

V. Region One Report

Mrs. Drislane reported that the Region One Board meeting was November 1, 2021. Ms. Drislane summarized as follows:

- A presentation from an AFS student from Pakistan was given. The student expressed his gratitude for being here and being a part of this program.
- A presentation was also made by Peter Vermilyea regarding a local history project that ECE and US History students are involved in.
- The new course proposal was approved, African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies for 2022-2023.

- The Quebec Field trip in May of 2022 was approved
- The hiring of Don Drislane as JV Girls' Basketball Coach was approved.
- Discussion was held regarding the Superintendent Performance Goals for the 2021-2022 school year.

VI. All Boards Chair Report - Mrs. Erin Drislane

Mrs. Drislane reported that there was an ABC meeting on October 27, 2021. Ms. Drislane summarized as follows:

- The 2022 Meeting Calendar was approved.
- It was approved to bring the proposed region-wide policy review process to each individual board.
- It was approved to bring the Superintendent Performance Goals for the 2021-2022 School Year to each individual board.

VII. Policies (1st reading)

There was a first reading of Policies 9221 Filling Vacancies; 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office; 9230 Orientation; 9271 Code of Ethics; 9310 Development, Distribution and Maintenance of Manual of Policies, Regulations, By-laws; 9311 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies; 9311.1 Review of Board Policy; 9312 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of By-laws; 9313 Administrative Regulations (Rules); and 9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, Regulations. The Board will have a second reading with action to vote on the policies at the December 14, 2021, Board of Education meeting.

VIII. Action Items

A-J. Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of policies 9010 Limits of Authority; 9110 Number of Members, Terms of Office; 9120 Officers and Auxiliary Personnel; 9121 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary of the Board; 9124 Recording Secretary/Clerk; 9125 Attorney(s)/Corporation Counsel; 9127 Auditor; 9132 Standing Committees; 9133 Special Committees; and 9140 Board Representatives. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

K. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an MOA with the North Canaan Faculty Association.

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to invite Dr. Roy and Ms. Carter into the Executive Session at 6:50 pm. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

The Board came back to the regular meeting at 6:56pm.

Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement with the North Canaan Faculty Association to offer one-time stipends to four teachers. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

L. Region-Wide Policy Review Process

Mrs. Drislane recommended to the full Board the approval of the Region-Wide Policy Process expressed in the attached document. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

IX. Administrative Reports (A copy is available through the links on the November agenda.)

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

- Dr. Roy gave a Presentation on the North Canaan Elementary school's FastBridge data for this fall. Dr. Roy added that students scoring in the at-risk zone are being targeted by the interventionists for improvement . Dr. Roy added to keep in mind the difficulties the school continues to have, including having a lack of substitutes. The school continues to use the interventionists to cover classrooms.
- Dr. Roy thanked Sarah Visconti and Mike Ellington for their service on the Board.

Assistant Superintendents' Report: (A copy is available through the links on the November agenda.)

Mrs. Pace and Dr. Fellows both provided an overview of their monthly report. Some of the items they reported are listed below:

- There are several projects underway for the 2021-22 school year, including revising the Social Studies curriculum (K-8), creating School Counseling (K-12), updating Science (K-8) and varied work on High School courses. Additionally, we have begun the work necessary to allow our curriculum to be made public through a portal on each school website. We plan to begin this effort with ELA and Math in early 2022.
- Two training sessions are scheduled with a trainer from EduClimber. The first training session will provide Staff to learn how to provide tiered interventions on how to use EduClimber to monitor and adjust interventions and track all associated data and meeting notes. The second session will support administrators in using the tools for data analysis within EduClimber.

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

Ms. Carter provided an overview of their monthly report. Some of the items they reported are listed below.

- Ms. Carter extended a thank you to the North Canaan Board members whose terms are expiring this month. Ms. Carter said she was grateful for their service and they will be missed.
- 33 COVID-19 cases in the Region One Community, There has been no in-school transmission.
- The most recent adult vaccination clinics have been very well attended.
- The vaccination for ages 5-11 has been approved. Dr. Roy has offered to do the first clinic for our Region at North Canaan Elementary school on Wednesday, November 17th between 4-7pm.

X. Public Comment: Mrs. Drislane extended her thanks to Mr. Ellington and Mrs. Visconti for their service on the North Canaan Board of Education. Mrs. Drislane also stated that the Board has appreciated their efforts and valued their time serving.

XI. Adjournment: Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Mr. Devino seconded. 6-yes Becky Cahill, Matt Devino, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge, Mike Ellington, and Sarah Visconti.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: December 14, 2021