



North Canaan Board of Education
MEETING MINUTES
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*The North Canaan Board of Education met in the library
at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.*

A meeting was held: Amy Dodge, Stephanie Grant, Christopher Jacques, Brooke Riva, and Caitlin Tomko.

Others present: Beth Johnson, Principal; Dr. Jeanine Rose, Assistant Superintendent; and Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mrs. Dodge.

II. Board Member Appreciation Month -

- a. Superintendent Brady-Shanley and Jeanine Rose presented the Board with a book titled *Our Lake* by Angie Kang. The book includes a permanent label inside recognizing each of our current Board members for their support and contributions to the educational community.
- b. In recognition of Board of Education Month, Mrs. Johnson presented each Board member with a gift certificate for a snack and drink from a local store in appreciation of their dedicated service to our school community.

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the February 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes and the February 26, 2026, Special Meeting minutes, as written. Mrs. Riva seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Communications - None

VI. Region One Reports - There were no questions from the Board

VII. All Boards Chair Report - There were no questions from the Board.

VIII. Discussion regarding whether the district will hold school on June 19, 2026 in observance of Juneteenth -

Mrs. Johnson explained due to the snow days, Superintendent Brady-Shanley met with the Region One Principals and suggested changing May 22 and June 5th to a 12:10 dismissal adding a half day professional learning to follow and having school in session for a half day on June 19th observing Juneteenth during school. This will allow Friday, June 19th to be the last day of school instead of moving the last day of school to Monday June 22nd.

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to have a 12:10 dismissal on May 22 and June 5th with a half day of Professional learning to follow as well as observing Juneteenth during school with a 12:10 dismissal for the last day of school. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

IX. Action

A. Policies -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve policies 5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment Work Release and Service Animals. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

B. Grade Promotion/Graduation Date -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve June 15, at 6:30 pm, outside (weather permitting) for the 8th Grade Promotion/Graduation at North Canaan Elementary School. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

C. North Canaan Elementary School Budget 2026-2027 -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the North Canaan Elementary School Budget 2026-2027 in the amount of \$5,024,386.09 an increase of 5.18%. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

X. Administrative Reports -

Mrs. Johnson gave a slide presentation for her Principal's Report on the Mid-Year Progress Monitoring Winter 2026 test Results. Three times per year, students are assessed to measure their academic performance and progress toward grade level proficiency.

The Assistant Superintendent's Report and the Superintendent's Report are listed in the agenda. The Board did not have any questions.

XI. Public Comment - None

XII. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations (with action anticipated)

At 7:05pm Mrs. Dodge made a motion to move into an Executive session inviting Superintendent Brady-Shanley. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

At 7:13pm the Executive session ended and the regular Board meeting continued.

A. Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve Beth Johnson's contract as principal for the 2026-2027 school year Beginning July 1, 2026. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

B. Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve Allison Curtiss's contract as assistant principal for the 2026-2027 school year Beginning July 1, 2026. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

XIII. Adjournment -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 5-yes Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Tomko.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: April 7, 2026