



North Canaan Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
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*The North Canaan Board of Education met at Geer Village
at 7:12 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, for a special meeting.*

A meeting was held: Lindsey Crane, Amy Dodge, Stephannie Grant, Amy Helminiak, Christopher Jacques, Brooke Riva and Kristine Simmons.

Others present: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal; Beth Johnson, Assistant Principal

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chairperson Amy Dodge.

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2024, meeting, as written. Mrs. Crane seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Communications - None

V. Region One Report

Nothing was reported from the Region One meeting.

VI. All Boards Chair (ABC) Report

The ABC Board did not meet since the last board meeting.

VII. Teacher Placements for 2024-2025

Dr. Roy presented the teacher placement list which will be the same as the current year with the addition of a 3rd grade teacher and the new Assistant Principal/Academic Support for Literacy teacher.

VIII. Action Items

A. Board Policies

Mrs. Dodge recommended to the full Board the approval of policies 1312 Public Complaints/General Complaint Procedures, 3280 Gifts/Grants/Bequests, 4118.2/4218.2 Code of Ethics, 5112 Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement, 5141 Student Health Services, 5141.21 Administering Medication, 5141.5 Suicide Prevention and Intervention, and 6148 FAFSA Completion Program as recommended by administration. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

B. Hiring

1. Custodian

Mrs. Dodge recommended to the full Board the approval of the hiring of Nathaniel Mrowka as night custodian beginning August 19, 2024, at the entry level rate of \$21.44 per hour. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

2. Academic Support for Literacy/Leadership

Mrs. Dodge recommended to the full Board the approval of the hiring of Allison Curtiss as the academic support for literacy and leadership position beginning July 1, 2024, at the Sixth Year step 14 salary rate of \$97,850. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

C. HVAC Grant

Mrs. Dodge recommended to the full Board the acceptance of the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant in the amount of \$181,132.51, with the work to be completed by December 31, 2025. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

IX. Administrative Reports

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

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

- The last few weeks of school were filled with field trips. Students went to Mystic Seaport in grade 4 and 6, to the Legislative Office Building in Hartford in grade 3, to Old Sturbridge Village in grade 5, to Boston in grade 7, and to Washington, DC in grade 8.
- 85 students participated in the annual Walk, Bike & Roll to School on May 17th.
- The spring concert and annual art show was on Wednesday, May 22nd at the Annual Spring Arts Celebration. Every student had at least one artwork on display with the artist statement. The elementary and middle schools chorus each shared some songs while the grade level bands performed numerous songs for us, including the marching band songs for the Memorial Day Parade.
- On Thursday, May 30, multi-language teacher Mike Nolan organized a multicultural night during which families brought native dishes to share. Mr. Nolan also arranged for others from the community to share what they offer, including Rebecca Malone from Community Health & Wellness, and Pastor Abraham from the Seventh Day Adventist Church that offers free classes to learn English.
- The preliminary SBAC scores show that once again the eighth graders have mastered the state science expectations. Nearly all (86%) met or exceeded state standards on the annual assessment required in grades 5 and 8. Students in grade 5 also did well on the state assessment in science, with 80% meeting or exceeding standards.

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

Dr. Rose was not present for the Board meeting.

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

Ms. Carter was not present for the Board meeting.

X. Public Comment

Mrs. Simmons, a parent of two students, wanted to say how amazing the field trips were as well as the marching band. She went on to say that Mr. Reed did a wonderful job with the band and was very thankful that the school has these programs.

XI. Adjournment

Mrs. Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 7-yes
Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, and Mrs. Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: September 10, 2024