



*The North Canaan Board of Education met at  
7pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at NCES.*

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

**Others present:** Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Principal, and Lisa Carter, Superintendent

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mrs. Drislane.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2022, Regular Meeting, as written. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

### **III. Nature's Classroom Student Presentation**

Renee Fleming, 5/6 ELA teacher, gave a presentation of the 6th grade Nature's Classroom trip in October. Mrs. Fleming reported the students had a wonderful time. They went to a new location in Litchfield this year after not being able to go during the COVID-19 pandemic. The location was very organized and had many activities for the students. Some activities they experienced were hiking, exploring, dissecting, building shelters in the woods, and bridge building. Every night they had something special to do as well. They had a campfire with marshmallows, fun games, and night hiking. Mrs. Fleming reported that all the students were very happy with the trip and wanted to go back every year.

### **IV. Public Comment - None**

### **V. Communications - None**

### **VI. Region One Report**

Mr. Gow was not present. Ms. Carter reported on the Region One Board Meeting and provided a brief overview of their December 5, 2022, meeting as follows:

- Officers were elected - There were no changes to the existing positions.
- Policies were approved
- An update was provided regarding the Hybrid-Meeting Technology Committee.
- The Solar Project, Phase 2, was approved as presented by Mr. Herrick.

### **VII. All Boards Chair Report**

Mrs. Drislane was unable to attend the All Boards Chair Meeting. Ms. Carter reported on the ABC Meeting and provided a brief overview of their November 30, 2022, meeting as follows:

- Board members were nominated for positions, there were no changes made to the existing positions.
- Discussion was held regarding a preliminary RSSC budget overview for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Discussion was held regarding the Electric Bus Rebate and Future Grant opportunities.

Mrs. Drislane notified the Board that due to her new job she would be unable to go to the ABC Board meetings and the Middle School Sports meetings as the North Canaan Representative from January 2023 to November 2023. She invited other Board members to stand in for her during that time. Mrs. Drislane requested that the Board members contact her to let her know which months they could each do. The Board members were open to volunteering to share the positions.

### **VIII. NESDEC Enrollment Projections 2022-2023**

Dr. Roy gave a slideshow presentation of the NESDEC enrollment Projections 2022-2023. The projections show the North Canaan enrollment decreasing over the next 5 years. Dr. Roy explained that the numbers are based on current enrollment, children already born, and the estimated number of future births. The numbers indicate a definite decline in enrollment but they are not necessarily completely reliable.

### **IX. School Video**

Dr. Roy presented the Board members the North Canaan Elementary School Video that was put together by Nancy Hegy Martin and Ted Perotti. All Region One schools had videos made. The videos will be sent out for Public Relations to endorse North Canaan Elementary School as well as the Region One School District.

### **X. Board Retreat**

Ms. Carter reported on the Board Retreat that Jonathan Costa, the Assistant Executive Director for EdAdvance, facilitated for the Region 1 BOE. The Presentation was very informative about the effects of the post-pandemic workforce and technology. Ms. Carter said she would like all the Boards of the elementary schools to have a BOE retreat before the end of the school year with Jonathan Costa. Dr. Roy agreed to call EdAdvance and set it up.

### **VIII. Administrative Reports** (A copy is available through the links on the December agenda.)

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

- NCES had a Thankful for Veterans Ceremony with Fifteen veterans that were honored at the annual ceremony on Monday, November 21st.
- There was an evacuation drill to Geer on November 14th.
- NCES staff participated in the North Canaan's Parade of Lights on Monday, November 28th.
- Students and staff raised \$351 for PJ Day for the Kids to benefit Connecticut Children's.
- PTO offered Painting and Pizza to the students for a fun holiday activity.

- There was an Academic Celebration and Awards Assembly for Trimester One. 70 honor roll certificates were awarded for outstanding achievement in middle school.

***Assistant Superintendent's Report:*** (A copy is available through the links on the December agenda.) Ms. Carter stated as per Dr. Rose's report, that there is still a need for substitutes across the district. There will be three Sign and Sub events across the district to recruit substitutes.

***Superintendent's Report:*** (A copy is available through the links on the December agenda.) Ms. Carter provided an overview of her monthly report. Some of the items she reported are listed below:

- On Monday, November 21, Jonathan Costa, the Assistant Executive Director for EdAdvance, facilitated a Region 1 BOE retreat. The meeting included a presentation detailing the demands of the current and future workplace in a post-pandemic and more digital environment.
- The administrative team has prepared a draft of the 2023-2024 calendar and is now in the process of reviewing it with leadership teams and teachers. The calendar will be ready to present to the Boards of Education in January.
- The business office will be meeting with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in December to obtain answers to questions raised regarding electric buses.
- Several Region 1 PreK-8 schools are in the process of creating after-school enrichment programs.
- The Central Office, school administrators and Anne MacNeil have agreed to focus on concerns and issues of the Middle School Sports program.

#### **IX. Public Comment -**

Mrs. Drislane inquired about the Community Health Center that was approved in North Canaan. A Board member volunteered to find out more details and will let the Board know what they found out at the January meeting.

**X. Adjournment:** Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Mr. Devino seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mr. Devino, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Drislane, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Marchi, and Mrs. Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Rooney

Approved: January 10, 2023