



North Canaan Board of Education
MEETING MINUTES
90 Pease Street, North Canaan, CT 06018 www.nceschool.org

*The North Canaan Board of Education met in the library
at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.*

A meeting was held: Lindsey Crane, Amy Dodge, Stephannie Grant, Christopher Jacques, Brooke Riva, Gina Terwilliger, and Caitlin Tomko.

Others present: Beth Johnson, Principal

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Mrs. Dodge.

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes, as written. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Communications - None

V. ELL Presentation

Mike Nolan, North Canaan Elementary School's ELL (English Language Learner) teacher, provided an overview of the services and support he offers to ELL students and their families. His work includes organizing community potluck dinners that connect families with Latino professionals, assisting families in accessing healthcare and dental insurance, and encouraging student participation in sports and extracurricular activities. He also provides academic support, helps translate communications between families and school, and works with students to better understand and engage with the curriculum.

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

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

VIII. Board Policies (first reading) -

There was discussion of the 3000 series of policies. They will go to May for action.

IX. Action

A. Renewal with Healthy Food Options

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the North Canaan Elementary School certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the

Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

B. Food and Beverage Exemptions

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve that The North Canaan Elementary School will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

C. Increase to Student Lunch Price 2026-2027

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to increase the student lunch price to \$3.40 (an increase of \$.10) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year to be in compliance with the federal requirement as calculated through the paid lunch equity tool. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

X. Administrative Reports -

The Administrative reports are listed on the April agenda. The Board did not have any questions.

XI. Public Comment - None

XII. Adjournment -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 7-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Terwilliger, and Mrs. Tomko.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: May 12, 2026