



North Canaan Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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*The North Canaan Board of Education met at
6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, virtually through Zoom.*

A virtual special meeting was held using Zoom with the Region One Board of Education:

A virtual special meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, using Zoom. A quorum was in attendance: Chair Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Jenn Duncan, Kent; Sara Cousins, Sharon. Absent: Keith Moon, Salisbury.

Others present: Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Jeanine Rose, Assistant Superintendent; and Ian Strever, HVRHS Principal.

In addition, each of the Region One Boards were in attendance:

Canaan – Principal Stacey Calo; Pat Mechare; Adam Sher; Maria Bulson

Cornwall – Principal Mary Kay Ravenola; Board Clerk Annie Kosciusco; Emilie Pryor; Dean Saccardi; Rachel Matsudaira; Iris Hermann

Kent – Principal Michelle Mott; Board Clerk Meghan Robb; John Grant; Scott Trabucco; Naomi Joseph; John Grant

North Canaan – Principal Dr. Alicia Roy; Board Clerk Kerry Rooney; Kristine Simmons; Amy Dodge; Erin Drislane; Matt Devino; Stephannie Grant; Christopher Jacques

Salisbury – Assistant Principal John Conklin; Board Clerk Sue Bucceri; Kevin Wolgemuth; Barret Prinz; David Valcin

Sharon – Principal Carol Tomkalski; Board Clerk Kathy Amiet; Doug Cahill; Deborah Rathbun; Monica Connor; Kitty Visconti

I. **Call to Order:** Chair Mechare called the Region One Board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Drislane called the North Canaan Board of Education meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Each of the additional Boards in attendance also called to order.

II. Proposed 2023-2024 Regional Calendar Presentation - Lisa Carter:

A presentation on the proposed 2023-2024 Regional Calendar was made by Superintendent Lisa Carter. Ms. Carter provided a walkthrough of the start of the school year, all professional development dates, holidays, and conferences.

III. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

IV. Discussion on Proposed 2023-2024 Regional Calendar (by School District):

Each Board went into breakout sessions at 6:31 pm where they discussed the calendar as individual groups. North Canaan Board of Education went into a google meet to discuss. Dr. Roy recommended keeping six out of the seven maximum professional learning early release days,

omitting the month of October due to a long weekend and fall conferences that are early release days at the end of the month. The Board agreed. There were no other concerns with the calendar draft. NCES breakout session was complete at 6:45 PM.

V. Feedback and Discussion from Board Discussions by School District

All Boards came back together using the Zoom meeting link. The Region One Board made two proposed changes to be adopted by the Region 1 Board for the High School:

- All late opening PD dates will be moved to Wednesday early dismissals, to coincide with the elementary schools
- The spring conference dates will be moved from May 23 to March 26

Feedback was provided by each of the Boards of Education and further discussed in detail. All Boards came to a consensus on changing the label of “Good Friday” to a no school day.

VI. Approval of 2023-2024 Regional Calendar by Region One BOE

A motion was made by Mr. Valcin, alternate for Keith Moon, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the proposed 2023-2024 regional calendar as amended by all seven boards of education at this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Valcin, alternate for Keith Moon, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Each of the additional Boards in attendance adjourned their meetings as well.

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to adjourn for North Canaan at 7:24 pm. Each of the additional Boards in attendance adjourned their meetings as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: February 14, 2023