



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

*The North Canaan Board of Education met Stateline Pizza Restaurant
at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.*

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

Others present: Beth Johnson, Principal

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Mrs. Dodge.

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the May 13, 2025 and May 27, 2025, Special meeting minutes, as written. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Communications - Mrs. Dodge reported that North Canaan Education Foundation (AHA) received their license from the Office of Early Childhood.

V. Region One Report -

We didn't have a Board member at the Region One Board of Education meeting. The minutes and video are available on their website.

VI. All Boards Chair (ABC) Report

Mrs. Dodge reported that the ABC Committee has completed the 2024-2025 Superintendent Performance Evaluation.

VII. Teacher Placements for 2025-2026

Mrs. Johnson gave an overview of the teacher placements for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Noubleau will move to grade 4 which will create two classrooms for grade 4. Mrs. Bachetti will move to Grade 1 from Kindergarten and Kindergarten will have one classroom.

VIII. Discussion to hire a Spanish/Steam position for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. Johnson explained to the Board that it was very hard to find a Spanish teacher position and that no one certified had applied to date. She wanted to ask their opinion on whether or not she could create a Steam position instead. A Steam position would incorporate a Science lab to K-5 classrooms and technology/Steam to the Middle School. Once this position would be created there would be no going back to a Spanish position. The Board agreed that the Steam position would be more beneficial for the whole school and students could take Spanish 101 in the high school. Mrs. Johnson will post the position right away.

IX. Town of Canaan's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 audit report.

Mrs. Johnson went over the Audit report with the Board. There were no questions.

X. Action Items

A. Board Policies -

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to the full Board to approve the Addendum to Tuition Policy, Policy 5114.12 Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices Response and Policy 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

B. Tuition Student for 2025-2026 School Year Action anticipated

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to the full Board the approval of the application for a tuition student joining the class of 2026. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

XI. Administrative Reports

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

Mrs. Johnson provided a brief overview of her report. Some of the items she reported are listed below:

- Mrs. Tomich accompanied 25 students to Wickham Park in Manchester to run the Final Mile. Over the course of the spring, these students have run 346 miles.
- The 8th graders recently traveled to Washington, D.C. with students from the other Region One schools. They had a wonderful time exploring the nation's capital.
- The 7th graders had an exciting trip to Boston, filled with learning and fun. They explored the Museum of Science, shared their research during presentations along the Freedom Trail, and capped off the experience with an energetic and unforgettable Blue Man Group performance.
- Teachers and students have successfully completed the first round of Aimsweb testing. They are ready to be using the data to begin forming instructional groups for next year.
- A huge thank you to the Canaan Foundation for their generous grant, which made it possible to create a sensory room at our school. This calming space includes giant bean bags, sensory fidgets, and soft new lighting—all designed to help students take a break, relax, and reset.

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

Dr. Rose was not in attendance.

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

Superintendent Brady-Shanley was not in attendance.

XII. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Board Clerk contract.

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to move into an Executive Session at 7:12 pm for the Purpose of Discussing the Board Clerk contract.

Mrs. Dodge invited Mrs. Johnson into the executive session. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

The Executive session ended at 7:14 pm and the regular Board meeting continued.

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to the full Board for the approval of the Board Clerk contract.

Mrs. Grant seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

XIII. Public Comment - None

XIV. Adjournment

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Mr. Jacques seconded. Vote: 6-yes Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Helminiak, Mr. Jacques, and Mrs. Riva.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Rooney

Approved: September 9, 2025