

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Board members present: Karen Riccardelli, Chairperson, Claudia Callinan, Dorothy Cecchinato,
Erin Drislane, Michael Ellington, Edwin Gow, and Susan Warner

Rosemary Keilty, Principal

Cynthia Hochswender (*Lakeville Journal*)

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, March 10, 2016 as written. Mrs. Callinan seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Principal's Report

Miss Keilty added the following items to her monthly report to the Board:

- North Canaan's graduation will take place on June 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. and the Honorable Roberta Willis, Connecticut State Representative, will be the keynote speaker. Mrs. Riccardelli has volunteered to confer diplomas.
- Sixty-eight students are participating in the Kid's Marathon. They run after school twice each week.
- The North Canaan Elementary School drama club deserves great recognition for their wonderful show, *Willy Wonka, Jr.* 120 students participated.
- Grade 5 students returned from Nature's Classroom and all enjoyed the experience.
- The school is addressing the items listed on the Fire Marshal's report.

New Business

Board members had a first and second reading of the 7000 Series Policies. Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the 7000 Series Policies as written. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Miss Keilty made a recommendation to the Board to continue with the Healthy Food Certification Program. She reported that the school has participated in the program since the State started it nine years ago, and that the lunch program receives \$.10 for every meal they serve. This is in addition to the reimbursement rate.

Mrs. Warner made a motion to continue the Healthy Food Certification Program by having the Superintendent sign the 2016 - 2017 Healthy Food Certification Statement. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Miss Keilty reported that at this time there is a surplus of approximately \$39,000 to \$41,000 in the 2015-2016 school budget.

Miss Keilty reported that the Board of Finance has requested the 2016 - 2017 school budget be reduced by \$40,000. Miss Keilty made recommendations to the Board to reduce the budget. These recommendations are listed below:

- Title I - \$11,000
- Board Clerk - \$2,000
- Overnight Programs - \$1,000
- Curriculum Development - \$2,000
- Building Repairs - \$5,000
- Summer School - \$1,000
- Test Scoring - \$500
- Textbooks - \$2,000
- Technology - \$5,000

Mrs. Warner made a motion to approve the recommendations to reduce the 2016-2017 school budget. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for the Purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous Miss Keilty was invited.

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:39 P.M. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The Board reconvened to its regular meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Mr. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 P.M. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Gandolfo

Approved: May 12, 2016