

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Dr. Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Ellington seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

Board members present: Karen Riccardelli, Chairperson, Dorothy Cecchinato, Erin Drislane, Amy Dodge,
Michael Ellington and Rebecca Cahill.

Pamela Vogel, Superintendent

Cynthia Hochswender (*Lakeville Journal*), Craig Whiting

Dr. Vogel welcomed new Board member, Becky Cahill and conducted a re-organizational session for elections of officers.

Dr. Vogel accepted nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Mrs. Cecchinato nominated Mrs. Riccardelli for Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Ellington seconded. With no other nominations, Mrs. Cecchinato closed nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Ellington seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Riccardelli accepted nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mrs. Riccardelli nominated Mrs. Dodge for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Ellington seconded. With no other nominations, Mrs. Riccardelli closed nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Riccardelli accepted nominations for Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Dodge nominated Mrs. Drislane for Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. With no other nominations, Mrs. Dodge closed nominations for Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, November 9, 2017 as written. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Communications

Region I Report

Dr. Vogel reported on the last Region I meeting she attended. Some of the highlights are listed below:

- Four high school students reported on Personalized Learning courses they created for themselves.
- Mr. Doug Humes is North Canaan's representative to the Region One Board, and he volunteered to be on the Budget and AgEd Committees.
- Mrs. Pat Mechare is Falls Village's representative to the Region One Board.
- Mr. Bob Whalen, the representative from the Sharon Board, was voted as Chairman of the Region One Board.

Board

Mrs. Riccardelli read a letter she received from Jayne Fagan-Cosentino. The letter stated that she regrets that she must resign her position from the Board because she is moving to Maine. The letter also stated that it was a pleasure being a part of the North Canaan Board of Education.

Mrs. Riccardelli reported that a thank you note was received from Susan Warner, and she wished her well for all her dedicated service to the Board.

Written

Mrs. Riccardelli read a letter she received from Chea LaMedica. The letter stated that she would like permission for her son, Keegan Olsen to attend North Canaan Elementary School after the holiday break. Larger class sizes, sports and his little brother attends North Canaan. All Board members agreed to table this request until their next regular meeting in January.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Vogel reviewed her monthly report with Board members. Some of the highlights of her report that she stated are listed below:

- In November, she attended a workshop entitled "Creating an Effective Community Outreach Program for Marketing Public School Districts."
- Administrators attended the second day of the Systemic School Transformation Workshop concerning identification of the skills of a Region One graduate.
- She and Mrs. Carter attended the CAFE delegate assembly regarding F.O. I. in Connecticut and the CAFE/CAPSS annual conference, the highlight of which was middle school and high school students answering questions about personalized learning and grading in their schools.
- An orientation and review workshop for all Board members will be held at the high school in room 133 on January 17, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
- A Session for Board Chairs only will be held on January 24, 2018, and Attorney Brochu will be the speaker.
- At a luncheon recently, the Region One Board was recognized for their work on the Lighthouse Project over the last few years.
- The Region One certified contract negotiations settled successfully last night.

New Business

All Board members agreed to the following budget dates for the 2018-2019 budget:

- January 11, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M.
- January 25, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.
- February 8, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M.
- February 22, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the 2018 Board meeting dates. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to approve the Board Committee list with the additions/changes that were made. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

All Board members agreed to table the 2017-2018 Budget update until next month.

Mrs. Drislane made a motion to approve policy #6120 Objective/Priorities of the Instructional Program as written to replace the old one. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. for the purpose of Certified Contract Negotiations. Dr.Vogel, Mrs. O'Connor,and Mr. Whiting were invited. Mrs. Cahill seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The Board took a break from 7:35 P.M. until 7:53 P.M.

Mrs. Cahill made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. for the purpose of Administrative hiring. Dr.Vogel was invited. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 P.M. Mrs. Riccardelli seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The Board reconvened to its regular meeting at 9:21 P.M.

Mr. Ellington made a motion to approve Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Drislane as members of the search committee for a new Principal. Mrs. Riccardelli seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 P.M. Mrs. Cahill seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: January 11, 2018