

The North Canaan Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

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

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent; Rosemary Keilty, Principal

Mike Flint, *CATV 6*, Leila Hawken, *Lakeville Journal*, Chris Sorrell

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, April 20, 2017 as written. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Region One Report

Ms. Chamberlain reported that students gave a great presentation to the Region One Board about their trip to China. She also noted that the Region One budget passed.

Principal's Report

Miss Keilty stated that the only addition to her monthly report is that block time for technical services is still being investigated. She added that a playground update and the school budget will be discussed later in the agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Chamberlain reported that the Civil Rights Survey, which involves a large amount of data, has been completed by each school; she complimented all staff members who were involved in gathering the information for the report.

The Superintendent reported that each Region One school involved in the 2017-2018 Healthy Food Certification will complete the online form by July 1, 2017.

Board representatives are needed for the upcoming negotiations for Non-Certified and Certified staff. Amy Dodge and Erin Drislane volunteered to be on the committee. It was suggested that Jayne Fagan-Cosentino could serve as an alternate.

Ms. Chamberlain recommended to the Board that Rachel Gall be hired as the seventh and eighth grade science and math teacher at North Canaan. She reported that her salary would be MA5 \$52,252. All Board members agreed that the recommendation should be tabled until next month for further review.

New Business

Miss Keilty reported that every year the school lunch price must be reviewed. She stated that a Paid Lunch Equity tool, that the State provides, is used to determine any price increases. She explained the process and said that she will report back next month with any price adjustments.

All Board members agreed to have a Board Retreat on June 8, 2017 with dinner at 6:00 P.M. and a meeting at 7:00 P.M. It was decided to look into having it held at Geer Village or Stateline Pizza.

Miss Keilty updated the Board on the 2016-2017 budget. She stated that the Region One unexpended funds number is still at \$97,260. She also reported that after the deductions for the attorney retainer, fuel oil, laptops, and a server, the North Canaan unexpected funds are at \$30,000. She reported that she will have an updated forecast to the June meeting.

Miss Keilty reported that the 2017-2018 school budget has an increase of 2.99% after small changes to insurance, curriculum development, building service contracts, workman's compensation, and upkeep of grounds. She also stated that there is one staff reduction, which is technology personnel.

Old Business

Miss Keilty updated the Board on the ADA Playground Compliance. Some of the updates that she reported are listed below:

- Mr. Robson can do the threshold work at very little cost and it should be completed by the end on summer. He is taking photos to document progress.
- The playhouse was removed.
- Three picnic tables, that can accommodate wheelchairs, are on order and will be placed on the primary playground, the second and third grade play area, and the outdoor seating area near the cafeteria.
- Mr. Robson will build a new sandbox, in a level location, on the primary playground, for a cost of \$150 -\$200.

Mrs. Warner stated that Mr. Robson should be recognized for all of his hard work.

Miss Keilty reported that because of the loss of town revenue the building project is on hold at this time.

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: June 8, 2017