

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Board members present: Karen Riccardelli, Chairperson, Claudia Callinan, Dorothy Cecchinato, Amy Dodge, Erin Drislane, Edwin Gow, and Susan Warner. Jayne Fagan-Cosentino arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent; Rosemary Keilty, Principal

Francine Lavoie

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, May 12, 2016 and May 19, 2016 as written. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Region I Report

Mr. Gow reported on the last Region I meeting he attended. The highlights are listed below:

- The VoAg Department had a fantastic Open House with approximately 400 people attending.
- The 7000 series policies were approved.
- The motion at a special meeting was approved for Pamela Vogel to fill the position as Superintendent on July 1, 2017.

Principal's Report

Miss Keilty reported on a few additions to her monthly report. Some of those additions that she stated are listed below:

- Field day was held though it ended early because of the very hot weather.
- The live safety drill at the school went very well and at a meeting today suggestions were made for plans for next year.
- Students did a great job at the "Song Book" musical performance at Music Mountain. Mariana Bonett sang a solo with Wanda Houston and Miss Mauro sang a song in French. Many North Canaan students participated.
- Plantin' Seeds, a North Canaan business, will be working with the AHA program planting a garden this summer near the school picnic tables. The garden will be planted in July and the vegetables will be used for school lunch starting in September.
- Composting and recycling continue and a teacher will be take over Mrs. Belter's recycling efforts. Mrs. Belter will retire in June.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Chamberlain made the following announcements to Board members:

- North Canaan did fairly well with the ECS grants; small reductions should be expected in the future.
- The high school project vote will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- Housatonic Valley Regional High School graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. It will be held outside if the weather permits.
- It has been a busy but great year.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Riccardelli reviewed the Assistant Superintendent's Report with Board members. Ms. Chamberlain answered questions concerning the report.

New Business

Mrs. Riccardelli reviewed the 2015-2016 Board goals with Board members. There were no changes for the 2016-2017 Board goals.

Miss Keilty reported to the Board that items approved for purchase at the last meeting were ordered. She stated that the unexpended funds at this time are \$107,023.00. (Combination of the local Board and Region I unexpended funds). She anticipates that the number will change again by the end of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Certified Collective Bargaining at 6:55 P.M. Mrs. Callinan seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Ms. Chamberlain and Miss Keilty were invited.

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

The Board reconvened to its regular meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to reduce the Middle School social studies position to .75. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Dodge made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. Mrs. Callinan seconded. Vote: Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: September 7, 2016

