

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent; Pamela Vogel, Assistant Superintendent; Francine Lavoie, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a Request under New Business. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended above. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, April 12, 2016 as written. Mr. Ellington seconded. Vote: Unanimous

#### Communications

##### Board

Mrs. Cecchinato reported that it was nice to see all the students in the marathon club walking and running.

Mrs. Riccardelli reported that an alternate Board member is needed to attend the ABC Committee, as she cannot attend all of the meetings that are being held. Susan Warner volunteered to be the alternate Board member.

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Appoint an Alternate to the ABC Committee under New Business. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended above. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

##### Principal's Report

Mrs. Lavoie added one item to the Principal's Report. She announced that seventy-eight students participated in the *Ride your Bike to School Day*. She stated that students, parents, and Board members helped make it a successful day.

##### Superintendent's Report

Ms. Chamberlain reviewed her monthly report with the Board. Some of the items that she discussed are listed below:

- Teachers Appreciation Day is in early May and the North Canaan staff receive something special every day during that week from the PTO. The principal, teachers, and staff always appreciate this special attention.
- Students in Region One benefit from the many field trips that are offered to students.
- There will be an update from the Legislature tomorrow concerning the budget. North Canaan has received deep cuts, but some of those cuts have been restored.
- The No Child Left Behind law has changed to Every Student Succeeds Act.
- A film for television may be made of the high school building changes. It will include the building committee, students, staff, and Board members.
- North Canaan's graduation will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
- North Canaan's enrollment in October was 260 and May 1, 2016 was 263.

#### Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Vogel reviewed her monthly report with Board members. She stated that teachers continue to focus on personalized learning and the movie recently shown at the Movie House called "*Most Likely to Succeed*" will be brought to Region One in the fall.

#### New Business

All Board members agreed to change the Board Retreat date to Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

Mrs. Lavoie recommended that the school lunch price be increased by five cents for the school 2016-2017. Mrs. Warner made a motion to approve a five-cent increase for a student's school lunch. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Lavoie reported to the Board that the principal would like to request using unexpended funds from the 2015-2016 school budget to purchase the items listed below:

- Two Smartboards with projectors to replace an old one and place one in a new fourth grade classroom for \$4,992.
- Fifteen new chairs and two large tables for the computer lab for \$2,800.
- Continue replacing blinds with new safety blinds for \$9, 885.
- Fill the fuel oil tank after receiving the last 802 gallons that are prepaid. Cost approximately \$10, 394 for 6,200 gallons.

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to approve the unexpended funds requested by the principal. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Ms. Chamberlain reviewed the C.A.B.E. Nutmeg article concerning the Nutmeg Board deals with expelling a student.

Mrs. Riccardelli read a letter she received from Chea LaMedica. The letter stated that she is a Region One paraprofessional working at North Canaan Elementary School. She is moving to Falls Village soon.

The letter also stated that her son, Peyton Bushnell attends Kindergarten at North Canaan and she would like to request permission for him to attend first grade at North Canaan Elementary School. Mrs. Drislane made a motion to allow Peyton Bushnell to attend first grade at North Canaan Elementary School as long as the parent remains an employee and is assigned to North Canaan Elementary School. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to appoint Susan Warner as the alternate Board member to attend ABC Committee meetings. Mrs. Callinan seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Mrs. Dodge seconded. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: May 31, 2016