

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

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

Board members present: Amy Dodge, Vice Chairperson, Claudia Callinan, Dorothy Cecchinato, Jayne Fagan-Cosentino, and Susan Warner Erin Drislane arrived at 7:40 P.M.

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent; Rosemary Keilty, Principal

Elizabeth Allen, Vivian LaBerge

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to amend the agenda by adding C. Board Meeting Dates under New Business. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

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

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to approve the minutes dated, October 13, 2016 as written. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

#### Region I Report

Ms. Chamberlain reported on the last Region I meeting and some of the highlights are listed below:

- High school students reported on the Turkey Olympics that will be held on November 18, 2016.
- Principal Martinez will meet with seventh and eighth grade parents at the high school Open House to be held on December 1, 2016.
- AgEd Production Day will take place December 1, 2016 for holiday wreaths, centerpieces, and readying trees for sale.
- The Light House Project is working on enhancing communication.
- The CABE/CAPSS convention will be held at the Mystic Marriott on November 17, 18 and 19, 2016 for Board members.
- Subcommittees have been formed for the Light House project and for exploring the need for an EL teaching position.

#### Teacher Presentation

Mrs. Allen presented her art program called T.A.B. (Teaching for Artistic Behavior) to the Board. Some of the items she discussed concerning the program are listed below:

- The program is used at Massachusetts College of Art Design by the two women who founded it.

- Classes are designed for students to make art and teach the behavior of artists.
- The art room has been transformed into an art studio.
- The studio currently consists of drawing, collage, and painting centers.
- The teacher gives a five-minute mini lesson, gives one-on-one or small group assistance, and does assessments.
- The T.A.B. model is cost effective and there is much less waste.
- A 3D construction center is coming soon.
- The program aligns with the National Visual Arts Standards which is to create, present, respond and connect.

### Principal's Report

Miss Keilty reviewed her monthly report with Board members. The following additions that she stated are listed below:

- The North Canaan light parade will be held on November 27, 2016 at 5:30 P.M., and the school band will play at the school at the end of the parade.
- Carianne Callinan has the lead part in the high school musical this year.
- A kiln and potter's wheel were donated to the school.

Miss Keilty reported to the Board that the Middle School Science/Math position has been filled by Rachel Gall of Falls Village. She outlined her educational background which includes a Bachelor's degree from Barnard College of Columbia University with a major in physics and a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Bridgeport. She taught at Salisbury Central for four years before raising children, and she is highly recommended by the Region I principals. She added that Rachel is very excited to join the North Canaan faculty. She will be a long term substitute until the end of the school year.

### Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Chamberlain announced that the Kitchen Tour was a huge success, as a fund raiser for the high school musical society. This year *The Drowsy Chaperone* will be presented in March.

Ms. Chamberlain reported that North Canaan could receive fewer dollars in the Education Cost Share Grant this year. She also reported that the per pupil cost is tied to the declining enrollment.

Ms. Chamberlain reviewed the 2017-2018 EdAdvance Regional Calendar with Board members. She stated it is used as a foundation for Regional School District 1 planning. She added that a draft of the 2017-2018 Region I calendar will be presented at the December Board meetings in the region.

Ms. Chamberlain reported that the assistant superintendent report contains a great deal of information about professional development that is taking place in the Region. She added that North Canaan teachers have been working very hard on many of these projects.

### Old Business

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to approve policy #5141.21 Administration of Medication by School Personnel. Mrs. Drislane seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Miss Keilty updated the Board on the ADA Playground Complaint. She stated that she, Patricia Chamberlain, Christopher Laux, ADA expert, Attorney Craig Meuser, Lester Robson and George Johannesen met to review the list of violations and decide what can be accomplished now. She reported that the picnic tables and the thresholds at exit doors will be done this fall, and that there is a June 2017 deadline for completing the full plan.

### New Business

Board members discussed the possibility of adopting a Mastery-Based Learning policy. They reviewed a sample provided by Salisbury Central. Ms. Chamberlain explained that this policy is optional. All Board members agreed that the policy should be brought back next month for further discussion.

Ms. Chamberlain reviewed the C.A.B.E. Nutmeg article with Board members concerning whether the Nutmeg Board violated FOIA by discussing personnel matters at the convention.

Mrs. Fagan-Cosentino made a motion to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Dates. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Callinan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 A.M. Mrs. Drislane seconded. Vote: Unanimous  
The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gandolfo

Approved: December 8, 2016