

The North Canaan Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

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

Board members present: Dolores Perotti, Chairperson, Dorothy Cecchinato, Richard Greco,
Beth McGuire, Karen Riccardelli, Shelley Veronesi and Susan Warner

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent

Karen Bartomioli (*Lakeville Journal*), Ruth Epstein (*Waterbury Republican*), Bob Gray (Channel 6 Cable) and David Soper

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to amend the agenda by removing – CMT Student Achievement under Principal's Report and changing policy #6164.24 to policy #6164.12 under New Business. Mr. Greco seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda as amended above. Mr. Greco seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the minutes dated, October 14, 2010 with two changes (add- for Sharon in the second year) under Board Comment and (change – curriculum to curricular) under Superintendent's Report. Mrs. McGuire seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Communications

Public Comment

Mr. Soper reported that he attended the meeting tonight hoping to get feedback concerning his children's bus stop. Mrs. Dolores Perotti reported that the principal is still working on a solution, and she will have an answer for him by the end of the week.

Board Comment

Mrs. Dolores Perotti recommended that the three articles concerning student achievement, which they received from the principal, could be reviewed at the next three Board meetings instead of a Nutmeg article. All Board members agreed with Mrs. Perotti's recommendation.

Mr. Greco inquired why only one student from North Canaan received the Superintendent's Award this year. Ms. Chamberlain explained that some changes were made to the program this year, such as the number of students chosen from each school and the numbers of staff eligible to attend the dinner were cut.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Chamberlain announced that Nicholas Camardi is North Canaan's 2010 recipient of the annual Litchfield County Superintendents' Recognition award.

Ms. Chamberlain reported that North Canaan is one of three certified contracts being negotiated this year. She also stated that starting January 2011, North Canaan's non-certified contract will begin negotiations.

Ms. Chamberlain reported that because of a shift in enrollment, North Canaan's high school tuition is down; therefore, there will be a savings of \$53,162 in the Regional budget.

Ms. Chamberlain reported on the last Region One Board meeting. Some of the highlights of that meeting are listed below:

- Mr. Tedford reported on events happening at the high school.
- A roof study is being done.
- Attorney Pingpank's time has been extended by five hours.
- The assistant principal search is moving forward with ten applications already received.

Ms. Chamberlain announced that at a Special Meeting last night, the Board approved hiring an attorney from the firm of Shipman & Goodwin as general counsel for Region One.

Old Business

Board members agreed to the following additions/changes to the By-Laws:

#9210 – add - The Chairperson shall sign the Board of Education checks.

#9220 – or Secretary – added in three places.

#9240 – add – The Secretary shall also sign the Board of Education checks .

change – The Secretary is responsible for preservation of reports of committees and staff, of communications addressed to the Board, and of all other Board records.

#9241 – change – Assistant Secretary to Board Secretary twice.

#9250 – change – Such employee may carry out the financial and clerical duties of the Board Secretary but may not sign documents or checks.

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to approve policy #5145 Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities with the changes. Mrs. Cecchinato seconded. Vote: Unanimous

New Business

Mr. Greco made a motion to approve policy #5141.24 Students/Staff with HIV, ARC (AIDS Related Complex) OR AIDS with the changes. Mrs. McGuire seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve policy #6164.12 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as written. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve policy #5125.11 Health/Medical Records with the changes. Mr. Greco seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to approve policy #5145.5 Exploitation/Sexual Harassment with the changes. Mrs. Warner seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Cecchinato made a motion to use last year's surplus to cover the lunch fund deficit per the auditor as a housekeeping matter that should be cleaned up. Mrs. McGuire seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Ms. Chamberlain reviewed the C.A.B.E. Nutmeg article with Board members concerning the Nutmeg Board dealing with the eligibility of a student to attend their schools. She stated that this is a common issue with schools that border other states.

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Greco seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Gandolfo

The Board held a Non-Meeting for Purposes of Collective Bargaining from 7:50 P.M. until 8:25 P.M.

Approved: December 9, 2010