

**Canaan School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2020**

4:30 PM – Meeting held remotely with public able to call into meeting ID #802 266 8910

Members Remotely: Linda Harris, Dan Wade, Dan Lepine, Krista Rodrigue, Katie Sawicki
Administration/Public Remotely: Karen Conroy, Bridget Cross, Debbie Lynch, Todd Nichols,
Eugene Reid, Amy Keifer, Kim Abdoo, Melissa Gray

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM.

II. General Public Comments

III. On a motion made by, Krista Rodrigue seconded by Dan Wade, the Board approved the meeting minutes of April 13, 2020; vote 5-0.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

1. Amy Keifer attended the meeting to discuss the courses currently in the Program of Studies for Art and how the foundational classes cover the required National Art Standards. Her courses are offered in levels: honors, standards and modified for IEP/504s. The Board suggested offering a straight studio class as the required Art credit. Amy will share her course syllabus with the board to review the current offerings and discuss further at the next meeting.
2. Dan Wade provided an update on the financials at the state level and the impact on education and local taxpayers.
 - i. Eugene Reid and Todd Nichols spoke about the salary schedule and losing staff to Colebrook because of salaries and the concern with the Board addressing this problem moving into negotiations and the upcoming school year.
3. A special meeting will be necessary to confirm and validate the approval of the Bond Article. In light of COVID-19 and the potential impact on local taxpayers, the Board is considering not going back to the town for the full \$1,000,000 bond article. Bids will be submitted to understand actual costs and the board will make a decision on the amount at the next board meeting.
4. On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board approved the sewer bid from Wells Excavators at \$14,300; vote 5-0.

On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board approved the only heating oil bid from Bean Transport at the fixed rate of \$1.699 for one year; vote 5-0.
5. Reviewed the Director of Student Services' Summary dated April 28, 2020.

V. Report of the Principal

1. Reviewed the Principal's Memo dated April 28, 2020.

VI. Appointments and/or Resignations

1. On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board accepted the Music Teacher Resignation of Tabitha Paquette with regrets; vote 5-0.
2. Discussion/Action - Approval to Hire (Federally Funded) Social & Emotional Learning Interventionist – Tabled for next meeting.

VII. Other Business

1. On a motion made by, Dan Wade seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board approved the Abner & Rita Ladd Memorial Scholarship Fund; vote 4-0-1.
2. On a motion made by, Krista Rodrigue seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board approved the 2020-2021 Canaan School District Board Meeting Schedule; vote 5-0.
3. Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM to be held remotely.

II. The Board reviewed recent bills and electronically signed warrants for the total payment of:

CSD Total \$212,076.94

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rena Call