

**Canaan School Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 16, 2020**  
**4:30 PM – Meeting held remotely with public able to call into meeting ID #802 266 8910**  
**Passcode: 8910266**

Members Present: Katie Sawicki, Dan Wade, Dan Lepine, Linda Harris, Krista Rodrigue  
Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Debbie Lynch, Bridget Cross, Eugene Reid, Kathy Smith, Phil Shaw, Denise Wood, Julie Giroux, Matt Jordan and 603-331-2695

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

**II. General Public Comments**

**III.** On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Dan Lepine, the Board approved the meeting minutes of October 26, 2020; vote 4-0-1.

**IV. Report of the Superintendent**

1. Provided update on Remote Learning Guidance and Parent, Student and Staff Survey Data.
2. Reviewed the draft Reimagining our Future Schools documents created by the CT River Collaborative Planning Committee and will provide the board opportunity to read and respond by the next meeting.
3. Reviewed the School Based Clinician Report dated October 22, 2020 on the caseload of social and emotional supports for our students.
4. Phil Shaw provided an update from NHIAA/NH North Country Superintendents and Athletic Director's on the topic of Winter Sports. The approval to participation in Winter Sports Programs following the Vermont AOE Guidelines Requiring Facial Coverings and No Spectators was tabled until the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Dan Lepine, the Board approved the following: "We are electing to participate in VT Municipal Retirement Systems (VMERS) Group A, to the category of Para-Educator, effective upon date of 1/1/2021. Any existing Non-Union Employee in the category of Para-Educator would be administered an election by the VMERS department to whether to JOIN or NOT TO JOIN VMERS. Any newly hired non-union para-educator, as of the date of approval will automatically be enrolled in VMERS Group A as a condition of employment."; vote 5-0.

**V. Report of the Principal**

1. Reviewed the Principal's Memo dated November 10, 2020. Public comment from Julie Giroux included the need for school support for the parents working at the nursing home while remote learning.

**VI. Appointments and/or Resignations**

**VII. Other Business**

1. On a motion made by, Linda Harris seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board approved the following required policies:

B8 Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students  
C12 Prevention of Sexual Harassment as Prohibited by Title I  
C13 Homeless Students; vote 5-0.

2. On a motion made by, Dan Wade seconded by Linda Harris, the Board went into Executive Session on Negotiations at 5:22 PM.

On a motion made by, Dan Wade seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board came out of Executive Session at 5:50 PM with no action taken.

3. Next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020 at 4:30 PM location TBD.

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

**CSD Total \$333,075.16**

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena Call