

**Canaan School Board
Budget Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

**3:30 PM – Meeting held remotely with public able to call into meeting ID #854 5273 5619
Passcode: 793241**

Members Present: Katie Sawicki, Dan Wade, Dan Lepine, Linda Harris

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Debbie Lynch, Bridget Cross and Rene Marchesseault.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

II. General Public Comments

III. Report of the Superintendent

1. Reviewed the proposed FY22 budget with a calculated \$.30 cent increase to the taxpayers. The proposed budget included the new money in the teacher's salary of \$55,784, along with many other contributing factors that impact the tax increase outside of our control; the student enrollment (equalized pupil) decreased from 134 to 125 students, state wide health insurance bargaining agreement increased 9% at \$45,620, \$71,332 for first bond payment for school renovations, the state reduced the property to \$10.763 and Canaan's Common Level Appraisal went down to 1.0802 %which all adversely impacts the tax rate. The impact of the \$.30 cent increase to the taxpayers on a \$75,000 home is \$225, \$100,000 home is \$300, \$150,000 home is \$450 and \$200,000 is \$600.

Based on the discussions with the board, the board requested two other budget proposals to decrease the \$.30 cent increase through reduction in positions impacting student offerings. These proposals will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

IV. Other Business

1. Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2021 at 4:30 PM to be held remotely.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena Call