

**Canaan School Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**  
**4:30 PM – Canaan Memorial High School Library**

Members Present: Katie Sawicki, Krista Rodrigue, Linda Harris, Dan Wade, Renee Marchesseault

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Bridge Cross, Chuck Patterson, Chris Damato, Frank Sawicki, Ashlie Lynch, Julie Nadeau, Laurent Giroux, Julie Giroux.

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

**II. General Public Comments**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2021 with the removal of the electronic warrants; vote 5-0. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Linda Harris, the Board tabled approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2021 until the next meeting; vote 4-0-1.

**IV. Report of the Superintendent**

1. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Renee Marchesseault, the Board denied the parent reimbursement request for lodging dated December 14, 2021; vote 5-0.
2. Reviewed and answered questions related to Proposed FY23 Budget. Chuck Patterson reviewed his justifications from his principal's related to the additional elementary position and the addition of a Family-School Coordinator.
3. On a motion made by Dan Wade seconded by Linda Harris, the Board entered Executive Session on a Personnel Issue at 5:37PM; vote 5-0, passed in the affirmative.
4. On a motion made by Dan Wade seconded by Linda Harris, the Board came out of Executive Session at 5:50PM with no action taken; vote 5-0, passed in the affirmative.
5. Reviewed the FY23 anticipated revenues provided with the proposed budget.
6. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board approved the FY23 Elementary Tuition rate at \$19,500 and the FY23 Secondary rate at \$20,500; vote 5-0.

**V. Report of the Principal and CTE Director**

1. Reviewed the remaining items from Principal's Report dated January 5, 2022.
2. Reviewed Director of Facilities Report dated January 5, 2022.
3. Reviewed CTE Director's Report dated January 5, 2022 with no update on the DTM Engineering Study.

## **VI. Appointments and Resignations**

1. On a motion made by Dan Wade seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board entered Executive Session on a Personnel Issue at 6:23PM; vote 5-0, passed in the affirmative.
2. On a motion made by Dan Wade seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board came out of Executive Session at 6:36PM with no action taken; vote 5-0, passed in the affirmative.
3. Dan Wade requested the following statement to go on record. "I did not say that girls who are harassed based on the way they are dressed are at fault and to blame." At 6:43pm, he signed and gave his resignation letter to the Board.
4. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board accepted the Letter of Resignation from Dan Wade, Board Chair; vote 4-0-1.
5. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board appointed Krista Rodrigue as School Board Chair; vote 4-0. This is a temporary appointment until the reorganization of the Board in March.
6. Three interested candidates for the open temporary board position were in attendance. Laurent Giroux, Ashley Lynch and Julie Nadeau expressed interest in the position and explained why they would like to join the board and where they see Canaan Schools in the next five-to-10-year period. After discussion with the Board, a motion was made by Krista Rodrigue seconded by Renee Marchesseault, to appoint Laurent Giroux to open seat on the Board.; vote 4-0. This is a temporary appointment until the elections in March.

## **VII. Other Business**

1. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board tabled the Adoption of Recommended VSBA School Board Norms until meeting reorganization in March.
2. Katie Sawicki provided an update of the Connecticut River Collaborative Planning Committee's decision to motion to disband at their January 6, 2022 meeting.
3. Next Information Budget Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2022 in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium at 6:00PM.

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

**CSD Total \$286,326.72**

## **IX. Adjournment**

1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Adrianna Castonguay