

**Canaan School Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 14, 2022  
4:30 PM – Canaan Memorial High School Library**

Members Present: Krista Rodrigue, Linda Harris, Laurent Giroux, Renee Marchesseault, Katie Sawicki

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Todd Nichols, Chris Damato, Chuck Patterson, Frankie Sawicki, Kara Sweatt, Daniel Wade, Rebecca Paquet

- I.** The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.
- II.** On a motion made by Krista Rodrigue seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022 and January 31, 2022; vote 5-0.
- III. General Public Comments**
  1. Dan Wade commented on the Superintendent's Evaluation process which was facilitated by the VSBA and an explained the extremely thorough process completed by the Board prior to COVID.
  2. Todd Nichols requested that the Board table the approval of the School Calendar until the Association can review and provide feedback.
- IV. Report of the Superintendent**
  1. Rebecca Paquet was recognized and awarded with her Canaan Schools Diploma for meeting the graduation requirements through the NEKLS High School Completion Program.
  2. Discussed the Board member roles in communicating significant changes in budget and assisting with questions from the town.
  3. Discussed meeting with the Selectboard and the need to follow up on their request to no longer plow the school property due to time limitations. Plowing has not been included in the FY2023 Budget. The Board is interested in total overtime hours related to plowing.
  4. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Linda Harris, the Board approved the DRAFT 2022-2023 School Calendar with changes to color coding the school day prior to Labor Day and the observed President's Day; vote 5-0.
- V. Report of the Principal**
  1. Reviewed the Principal's Report dated February 9, 2022 and discussed professional development (PD) plans for 2022-2023 school year to discontinue collaborative PD with SAU7 teachers to focus on targeted PD related to Canaan projects and initiatives. Also need to add athletics, transportation and the shared athletic director to a future meeting agenda to ensure that we are providing equitable access to sports.
  2. Reviewed the list of changes to the 2022-2023 Program of Studies including the addition of new program offerings. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board approved the 2022-2023 Program of Studies; vote 5-0.
  3. Reviewed the CTE Director's Report dated February 9, 2022 related to the planned virtual open house and the new Robotics Club.
  4. Reviewed Horizon Engineering, Inc. Summary of Recommendations dated January 24, 2022. The Board requested to include the current owners' responsibilities to address

some of the recommendations in the purchase and sales agreement to be reviewed in the Board Meeting prior to signing.

5. Reviewed Facilities and Maintenance Director's Report dated February 8, 2022.
6. Reviewed the Technology Coordinator's Report dated February 2022.
7. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Renee Marchesseault, the Board entered Executive Session on Negotiations at 6:10PM; vote 5-0.

On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board came out of Executive Session at 6:51PM with No Action Taken; vote 5-0.

8. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Linda Harris, the Board entered Executive Session on a Personnel Issue at 6:51PM; vote 5-0.

On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board came out of Executive Session at 7:08PM with No Action Taken; vote 5-0.

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

1. Annual School District Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022 in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium at 6:00PM following Town Business.

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

**CSD Total \$372,108.72**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrianna Castonguay