

**Canaan School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM
Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium**

Moderator Morgan Wade called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Board Chair Krista Rodrigue thanked all members and organizations.

A plaque was presented to Dan Lepine in honor of his 44 years of dedication to the students and community serving on the Canaan School District Board.

Moderator Wade read through Article 1 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 1. To elect all Town School District Officers, as required by law.

Moderator Wade read through Article 2 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money for current operating expenses in anticipation of taxes?

A motion was made by Terrie Herr and seconded by Odette Crawford to open discussion of Article 2.

A motion was made by Odette Crawford to move the question of Article 2.

Article 2 passed in the affirmative as written.

Moderator Wade read through Article 3 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District approve the school board to expend \$4,595,758 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$21,998 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 16.73% higher than for the current year.

Krista Rodrigue presented the Budget by Object of items with significant increases.

Questions were raised around the new positions of Director of Career and Technical Education and Director of Facilities and Maintenance and the funding that supports these positions.

Rob Baum questioned the Teacher's Salaries and Special Education/Non-Special Education Services that accounted for up to \$569,000 of the budget increase.

A motion was made by Haven Haynes and seconded by Al Buckley to move to a paper ballot vote on Article 3.

A motion was made by Odette Crawford to move the question of Article 3.

Moderator Wade tallied the paper ballot votes with 21 – Yes and 25 – No.

Article 3 failed.

The next Board Meeting will address concerns and planning for the budget.

Moderator Wade read through Article 4 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the Board of School Directors to establish a reserve fund for capital repairs and improvements of the school facility and grounds, and to deposit any surplus funds existing at the end of the fiscal year, or such portion of any surplus funds as the Board deems appropriate, into the reserve fund?

A motion was made by Al Buckley and seconded by Zachary Brown to open discussion of Article 4.

A motion was made by Dan Wade to move the question of Article 4.

Article 4 passed in the affirmative as written.

Moderator Wade read through Article 5 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Terrie Herr asked if ESSER Funds were able to be used for buildings. Superintendent Karen Conroy verified that the funds are be able to used on the school building. Terrie Herr suggested that some of the funds be set aside to be used on the Connector plans for the school.

Rob Baum suggested to Moderator Wade for a show of hands to use ESSER and additional funding, not based on the local tax rate, for the Connector. All were I support except for one attendee was opposed to the suggestion.

On a motion made by Julie Giroux the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Bridget Cross
Acting Clerk

Morgan Wade
School Moderator