

**Canaan School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2022
5:30 PM – Canaan Memorial High School Library**

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

Administration/Public Present: Karen Conroy, Chris Damato, Chuck Patterson, Frank Sawicki, Melissa Norsworthy (Zoom), Todd Nichols, Denise Wood, Julie Nadeau, Paul Marchand

I. The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

II. General Public Comments

Paul Marchand provided the Board with several cost cutting suggestions to reduce the budget.

III. Election of Canaan School Board Chairperson

1. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board nominated Laurent Giroux to serve as Canaan School Board Chairperson; vote 5-0, passed in the affirmative.

Election of Canaan School Board Clerk

2. On a motion made by Krista Rodrigue seconded by Renee Marchesseault, the Board nominated Linda Harris to serve as Canaan School Board Clerk; vote 5-0, motion passed.

Election of ENSU Board Member – Canaan School District Representative

3. On a motion made by Krista Rodrigue seconded by Katie Sawicki, the Board nominated Laurent Giroux to serve as the Canaan School District Representative on the ENSU Board; vote 5-0, motion passed.
4. On a motion made by Linda Harris seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board approved the Annual Approval Request of the following Funding Resolution; vote 5-0, motion passed.
 - A. The Superintendent is granted the authority to approve warrants (vouchers) on behalf of the Canaan School District – Board members will review and approve warrants at their regularly scheduled meeting.
 - B. The Superintendent of Schools is granted authority to execute contracts on behalf of the Canaan School District.
 - C. The member districts be granted authority to allow its member districts to accept financial grants, administer federal programs, and to act as the representative of local education agencies.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

1. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Linda Harris, to join The Coalition for Vermont Student Equity; vote 5-0, motion passed.
2. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Katie Sawicki, to approve COVID-19 Sick Leave Provisions in Memo dated March 1, 2022; vote 1-4 against, motion defeated.

3. Reviewed the FY23 Budget Reductions Memo dated March 1, 2022 on potential cuts to reduce the homestead tax rate from the proposed \$.06 cent increase.
4. Discussed the scheduled March 9th meeting with the Vermont Secretary of Education and the NH Commissioner of Education on Colebrook School District's proposal to have their own CTE Center in Colebrook, NH.

V. Appointments and/or Resignations

1. On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault seconded by Krista Rodrigue, the Board entered Executive Session on an Employee Retirement Request at 7:43PM; vote 5-0.
2. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Renee Marchesseault, the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:19PM with NO ACTION taken; vote 5-0.
3. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Renee Marchesseault, to accept the Side Letter Agreement for Employee Retirement Request; vote 0-5 against, motion defeated.
4. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Linda Harris, the Board entered Executive Session on Confidential Board Matter at 8:25PM; vote 4-0-1.
5. On a motion made by Laurent Giroux seconded by Linda Harris, the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:28PM with NO ACTION taken; vote 4-0-1.

VI. Next Meeting

1. Annual School District Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium at 4:30PM.

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

CSD Total \$227,214.65

VIII. Adjournment

1. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrianna Castonguay