

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular meeting
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Lee H Kellogg School, Falls Village, CT**

Members in attendance: Pat Mechare, Chair; James March; Karen Lindquist; Theresa Graney

Also in attendance: Principal Lexie Juch; Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter; Dave Barger; Jac Cohn; Cathy Mechare (videographer); Kristen Panzer, Secretary

Chair Mechare called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

J March made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by T Graney. All were in favor.

J March made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by T Graney. All were in favor.

There were no comments from the public.

Written communications: EdAdvance, description of member services.

There was no Region One report.

There was no ABC report.

CABE membership/Policy Review:

Chair Mechare announced that FOLKS (Friends of Lee Kellogg School, parent organization) had agreed to contribute 50% of CABE membership if there was general board consensus that participation in CABE would be valuable to LHK/Canaan BOE and as membership fees would present an unbudgeted expense. CABE offered LHK/Canaan BOE membership at a cost of \$294, FOLKS portion would be \$147. In order to use CABE's policy review services LHK would have to be a member organization. K Lindquist moved that the LHK/Canaan BOE join CABE and accept the donation of \$147 from FOLKS toward membership. T Graney seconded the motion. Discussion: Should the Board join CABE now or wait until fiscal 2018-2019 and budget for it? It was explained that the FOLKS donation was a one-time offer, available now to offset membership costs as these were unbudgeted. At the conclusion of discussion all were in favor and the motion carried.

Funding of telephone communication system:

Chair Mechare informed the Board of Ed that the Board of Finance decided not to take the money for the phone system out of the technology capital account. Although they have the authority to authorize an expenditure such as this up to \$20,000 from the general fund, they decided they did not want to use that authority and to bring the matter to the voters at an upcoming Town Meeting.

Community Conversations: K Lindquist made a motion to hold proceed with a second Community Conversation, to be facilitated by Jonathan Costa, to be held at the FV Senior Center on February 2 with

a snow date of February 9 at 6:30 PM.* The motion was seconded by T Graney. Discussion: The event should be widely publicized in all available outlets including email blasts, social media, flyers posted throughout town, Kellogg and Town websites, local newspapers and radio. All were in favor.

Airlock update: Chair Mechare announced that Principal Juch had secured an additional grant in the amount of \$5000 for the project and it is now anticipated that the project will be paid in full through grant monies. The Board expressed gratitude to Building and Grounds committee member Lou Timolat for his work on this project.

Alternates for All Board Chairs Committee (ABC) J March made a motion to appoint K Lindquist alternate to the ABC Committee. The motion was seconded by T Graney. All were in favor.

Alternate to the Region 1 Board of Education: No volunteers had come forward. J March suggested Canaan BOE do a more public search including a notice on the LHK website and an email blast. The Board was in agreement that they should publicize the search for an alternate.

Budget workshop dates: By consensus the Board agreed to January 23rd at 6pm for budget workshop, however it was noted that there would need to be an executive session at that time to continue the discussion of the principal position at LHK. In order to add an executive session to the Budget Workshop agenda the meeting would have to be posted as a Special Meeting.

Sharing resources: Chair Mechare volunteered to research opportunities to share resources with other districts. She will report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Chair Mechare reviewed Lexie Juch's Principal's report. There was some discussion about the Community Partnership meeting. T Graney suggested FOLKS could phone members of the public to invite them to the next CP event (date and time, TBD), Chair Mechare suggested the BOE could make those calls also.

Dr Vogel submitted the Superintendent report prior to the meeting. Asst. Superintendent Carter was available to field questions in her absence. The Board was reminded that there is an upcoming Board Member orientation in January.

Asst. Superintendent Carter submitted her report.

K Lindquist made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by J March. All were in favor.

The Building and Grounds Committee submitted minutes from their December meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

K Lindquist made motion to move into executive session for discussion of the Principal position at Kellogg, inviting in Lisa Carter. J March seconded. All were in favor and the Board moved into executive session shortly after 7 PM.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:34 PM on a motion by Lindquist, seconded by Graney at 7:34 PM which passed unanimously. No additional business was conducted.

On a motion by Lindquist, seconded by Graney the meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer, Secretary

*Due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict, the Community Conversations Event has been changed to Friday, February 9 at 6:30 PM with a snow date of February 23.