

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Lee H Kellogg School Falls Village, CT**

Members in attendance: Lara Mittaud, Chair; Karen Lindquist; Adam Sher; Rachel Gall; James March.

Also in attendance: Principal Lexie Juch; Pam Vogel, Superintendent; Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent; Sam Herrick, Region One Business Manager; Amy Lake, LHK teacher; Becky Curtis; Theresa Graney; Jeff Tripp; Amber Cameron; Julia Menassa-Panev; First Selectman Patricia Mechare; Kristen Panzer, Secretary

Chair Mittaud called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

K. Lindquist made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

1. Introduction of new teacher, Amanda Spelbos.
2. Board resignation and appointment.

Adam Sher seconded. All were in favor.

Lexie Juch introduced new teacher Amanda Spelbos. Amanda is from Kent and a graduate of HVRHS. All welcomed Amanda to Kellogg.

Chair Mittaud asked for comments from the public. There were none.

K Lindquist made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of Certified Contract Negotiations, inviting in Region One Business Manager, Sam Herrick. Adam Sher seconded and all were in favor. The Board moved into executive session at 6:09PM.

The Board reconvened public session at 6:37 PM with Sam Herrick exiting the meeting.

K Lindquist made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting, July 25, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Meeting, Aug 17, 2017. A Sher seconded. All were in favor.

There were no oral or written communications to the Board. There was no Region One Report and no ABC report.

Principal Juch gave the Building and Grounds Committee Report. Principal Juch is working with JK Energy Solutions to upgrade the lighting at LHK to a more energy and cost efficient option. JK Energy offers financing over 4 years at zero percent interest. The Committee is in favor of this project and it can be completed over winter holiday break with no disruption to teaching and learning. In addition the Committee continues to explore the airlock project. The Committee is researching how much energy would be saved by installing an airlock, in order to make the case for funding. Board discussion ensued.

Principal Juch gave the Principal's Report. Please find her report on the LHK website www.kelloggschool.org

Pam Vogel gave the Superintendent's Report including: work on establishing a quarterly shared newsletter for all the K-8s, creating parent/community advisory groups.

Individual BOE members commended Dr. Vogel for her opening day remarks in which she strongly condemned racism.

Lisa Carter gave the Assistant Superintendent Report. In response to a question from a Board member about sports eligibility under the new grading practices Lisa said there had not yet been a determination and that the principals continue to discuss it.

J March made a motion to accept the financial reports, K Lindquist seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business: FV Public Education Program Planning. A Sher reported on a meeting between himself, Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick, and NC Board of Education Chair, Karen Riccardelli, which took place at Central Office on August 17th, during which they discussed a proposal put forth by NC to move all LHK students to NCES, with Falls Village paying a proportionate amount of the NCES school budget, to be determined. According to Mr. Sher, at this time there is no further action anticipated on this proposal.

Chair Mittaud asked for comments from the public. One member of the public asked if the Board had considered polling parents prior to the August 17th meeting because this proposal is not one that LHK parents would support.

New Business:

- A. Principal Juch gave a presentation on SBAC testing and preliminary test results at LHK. Discussion ensued, including the validity and significance of the results, particularly among such a small sample size.
- B. Chair Mittaud asked the Board to consider: Should the Board provide for community wide conversation on the topic of LHK future program planning? Discussion ensued as to who would participate and the format/structure of such "conversations". Jonathan Costa of EdAdvance was suggested to facilitate. After discussion of how and when to proceed the Board authorized Superintendent Vogel to reach out to Mr. Costa to arrange dates. Fees could be paid out of the professional services line where the Board expects to realize a savings that can be reallocated for this purpose. The consensus was that the conversations would be public, open to Falls Village residents and faculty of LHK, and structured, beginning with a situation appraisal. After Dr. Vogel makes contact with Mr. Costa the Board will need to call a special meeting to approve dates and fees.
- C. J March made a motion to approve bus drivers Ky Byrne, John Matthews and alternates Lori Fredenburg and Fran Goodhouse as assigned by All Star Transportation to Kellogg for 17-18. A Sher seconded. All were in favor.
- D. Board resignation. Chair Lara Mittaud announced her resignation from the FV BOE effective immediately following the 09-05-2017 meeting, due to personal reasons. Superintendent Vogel thanked Lara for her years of service.

There was no policy review.

Public Comment:

One FV resident asked how the Board will communicate upcoming Community Conversations to the Public and expressed concern that the Board needs to be more effective about getting the word out. Another resident told the Board they need to make sure that LHK parents know they are invited to the table to brainstorm. Another resident spoke about SBAC testing and thanked Lisa Carter for her work investigating the validity of the results.

There being no further business of the Canaan BOE at the Sept. 5th meeting, K Lindquist made a motion to adjourn. A Sher seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer