

**Canaan Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, February 27th, 2017 6:00 PM
Lee H. Kellogg School Falls Village, CT**

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

Also in attendance: Principal Jenny Law; Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Region One Rep Andrea Downs; First Selectman Pat Mechare; Mark Fogel; Joe Graney; Jeff Tripp; Jen Worden; Kristen Panzer, Secretary.

Chair Gall called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

L Mittaud made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by J March. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

L Mittaud made a motion to approve the minutes of the January Meeting. K Lindquist seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Oral communications: Spanish teacher Mark Fogel spoke to the Board about the value of learning a second language and shared student work with the Board. The Board enjoyed reading aloud comments from LHK students regarding the significance of second language acquisition in their lives.

Written communications: None.

Region One Representative Andrea Downs reported to the Board including:

1. HVRHS girls basketball is currently No. 2 in the State
2. Region One budget development process.
3. The needs of non-native English speakers at HVRHS. Currently there are 42 such students.
4. Proposed changes to student schedules in 17-18 (ie. block scheduling)

First Selectman Patricia Mechare asked to make a public comment as she needed to leave the BOE meeting to attend a Board of Finance meeting. Ms. Mechare informed the BOE that according to projections the Town could be facing a revenue shortfall from the State, however nothing has been determined yet.

Buildings and Grounds report: J March presented the B&G committee report. There is an underground oil tank on campus that must be removed by fall. Heating units in classrooms must be replaced. The current system (steam) is 66 years old. The committee is considering replacing the current system with hot water and or electric. However a consultant informed the committee that LHK does not have the

wattage for operating electric pumps. The committee recommends having Champ Perotti create a spec sheet for the project.

Jenny Law presented the Principal's report on Professional Development.

Patricia Chamberlain presented the Superintendent's report.

Old Business:

- A. Falls Village public education program planning follow up. After some discussion L Mittaud made a motion to authorize Chair Gall to contact Cornwall Consolidated and North Canaan Elementary Boards of Education to propose/gauge interest in formal board to board discussions of collaboration among the districts including discussion of combining districts. Seconded by K Lindquist. All were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Building Use Requests. The Board was sympathetic to requests from individual community members to use LHK campus for recreational and non-profit purposes when school is not in session and when administrative or custodial staff is present. Requests for access when the building would ordinarily be closed should come under the umbrella of an organization such as the Recreation Commission and not an individual citizen.
- B. L Mittaud made a motion to authorize the Building Committee to request a spec sheet on the HVAC project from Champ Perotti, at no cost to the district. K Lindquist seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

L Mittaud made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Seconded by J March. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Principal Law presented her spending proposal for 17-18 to the Board. Discussion ensued.

There were no public comments.

At 9:30 PM, L Mittaud made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of Contract Negotiations (Principal), inviting Superintendent Chamberlain to join the session. K Lindquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Following their discussion of the Principal's Contract L Mittaud made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by J March. All were in favor.

There being no further business of the Board L Mittaud motioned to adjourn, seconded by J March and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzer, Secretary

