

NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 GENERAL MEETING  
 REMOTE MEETING  
 June 15, 2020 - DRAFT  
 7:00 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair, Ms. Parkhill, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

**Attendance:**

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Present	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Absent								√	

**II. Approve Minutes:**

**June 1, 2020 - Regular Meeting**

Ms. West moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Gardiner.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
No									
Abstain									

**June 10, 2020 - Special Meeting**

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Reeves.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
No									
Abstain									

**III. Review and approve Agenda: June 15, 2020**

Mr. Gardiner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Rashin.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
No									
Abstain									

**IV. Public Comments:**

Former Alumni of the NCPS system spoke about the need for changes in the district moving forward. They had a variety of thoughts and ideas on how students can thrive in a dynamic and diverse society. They felt that change is needed at this historical crossroads and offered suggestions to include racial justice, diversity and inclusion into the curriculum. They also felt that a more diverse faculty and positions within the district including a Director of Diversity and a Restorative Justice Counselor might help to deepen the understanding of the world at large. Their plan is to continue to engage with the

Board of Education and to network with students and alumni and find innovative ways to engage in the process.

**V. Reports and Recognition**

**A. CABE Student Awards**

**Dr. Luizzi**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education recognizes two seniors for their Student Leadership each year.

Nicholas Hoge is the first honoree. He is described as a sharp and driven young man who knows how to balance activities and academics. He is a sailing instructor, a golf caddy and also was a member of the Bee Club for four years and a student advocate. He will be attending Cornell next year.

Katherine Lisecky was unable to attend the meeting and Dr. Luizzi requested to recognize her at a future Board of Education meeting.

**B. Retiring Teachers Recognition**

**Dr. Luizzi**

Dr. Luizzi had the honor to recognize eleven teachers that are retiring this year. Between them, they have 170 years of experience. He congratulated each of them and wished them a happy and fulfilling retirement. The retiring teachers are:

Pam Cullinan, Literacy Specialist, East School;  
David Harvey, Latin, New Canaan High School;  
Gail Felberbaum, Literacy Specialist, West;  
Tim Haag, Science, New Canaan High School;  
Susan Lenci, Guidance, New Canaan High School;  
Catherine Smith, Science, New Canaan High School;  
Kathy Crosby, Challenge, East, South and West Schools;  
Jean Caffrey, Challenge, Saxe Middle School;  
Marguerite Hastings, Grade 1, East School;  
Karen Abramson, Literacy Specialist, East School;  
Karen Pierce, Science, Saxe Middle School

**C. Reopen Committee Update**

**Dr. Luizzi**

The committee created a draft of a survey that will go live tomorrow morning. It will take approximately five minutes and focuses on distance learning and its challenges. The information will be meaningful for problem solving and learning for the upcoming school year. There is also a portion to discuss transportation to see if parents would be willing to transport their children to school due to the current bussing restrictions.

**D. 2020 - 2021 Budget**

**Dr. Luizzi**

Dr. Luizzi discussed the reductions in the budget that will cover the \$1,895,136 cut from the Town. These include deferring the Start/End time changes, a change in the ISF reserve policy, and an increase in the estimated turnover savings from retirements. Some other cost savings were realized through a change in Student Activity Financial Software, outsourcing of network security and monitoring, restructuring of a position at Central Office, and the decrease in FTE needed for a Writing Specialist at West School.

**E. Statement of Accounts**

**Dr. Keating**

Dr. Keating gave an overview of the Statement of Accounts through May 31, 2020. With one month left in the fiscal year, 81.7% of the budget has been expended with another 15.3% encumbered. This leaves 3% balance which is due to accounts which cannot be encumbered including substitutes, stipends, overtime and utilities. COVID related expenses at the end of the month are \$72,773 with another \$54,573 encumbered. The Town did approve the non-lapsing account for COVID related expenses in the amount of \$400,000.

**VI. Public Comments:**

Members of the public spoke about what the next school year might look like. One suggested that all students need to be physically in school, even if it is part time, for their mental health. Another parent felt that e-learning works well for some students and that it should be considered as an option for those who choose to continue with it.

**VII. Announcements and Future Business:**

Next BOE Meeting: July 13, 2020 - 7:00PM

**VIII. Executive Session**

*Move to adjourn to executive session in accordance with CGS1-200 (b) for the purpose of a discussion regarding personnel matters, the individuals concerned having waived their rights for the discussion to be held at an open meeting.*

Ms. Rashin moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12 PM, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
No									
Abstain									

**IX. Adjourn Executive Session**

Ms. West moved to adjourn Executive Session at 9:55 PM, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
No									
Abstain									

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Reeves moved to adjourn at 9:56 PM, seconded by Ms. West.

	<b>Carlson</b>	<b>Gardiner</b>	<b>Hayes</b>	<b>Naughton</b>	<b>Parkhill</b>	<b>Rashin</b>	<b>Reeves</b>	<b>Richardson</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>Yes</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
<b>No</b>									
<b>Abstain</b>									

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Ms. Julie Reeves  
Acting Board of Education Secretary**