

NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GENERAL MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
 July 13, 2020 - DRAFT
 7:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Parkhill, called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Attendance:

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

II. Approve Minutes:

June 15, 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								√	

III. Review and approve Agenda: June 13, 2020

Ms. Rashin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Reeves.

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

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Reports and Recognition

A. CABE Student Leadership Award: Katherine Lisecky

Dr. Luizzi

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

Katherine Lisecky was chosen as one of the honorees. She is described as being loyal, kind and someone who never allows challenges to limit her. She is exceptional at balancing academics, her service to the community, home responsibilities and athletics. She will be attending Georgetown University in the Fall.

B. World Languages and English Learner Update**Ms. D'Amico**

Ms. D'Amico is the K-12 World Language/ELL Administrator. She gave an overview of what the World Language department has been doing over the past school year. Approximately 82% of students at the high school participated in a World Language. She found that there is a drop off during senior year as students need to prioritize their classes. This year, 54% of seniors received a seal of biliteracy on their diplomas. At the middle school, 5th grade students continued with FLES that they began in elementary school. In grades 6 - 8, 23% of students take Latin, 35% of students take Spanish, 33% are taking French and 9% of students take Mandarin. At the elementary level, teachers created a FLES website by grade to help students through their E-Learning.

One of the goals for the department was to look for ways to use language outside the classroom. She gave examples of the efforts and achievements at all grade levels including making moon pies in Mandiran, students going to local restaurants and speaking their language of study, after school clubs offerings that pertain to different languages, and French students enjoying crepes with their classmates. In ELL this year, there were 50 students - 23 of those successfully exited the program. These students moved into the district and worked hard in a new educational system. They also assist other students by creating videos and audio which is used in the classroom and are guest speakers in World Language classes to help support other students. When schooling switched over to E-Learning, some of these students missed the support they received at school. Many staff members stepped up to assist and monitor these students by checking in with them - making sure they were doing well and staying focused.

C. Enrollment Update**Ms. Pianka**

The District continues to monitor registration and withdrawals in the district. Since the last meeting, the total enrollment has risen by 10 students, from 4184 to 4194. We are currently 29 students over the NESDEC projection of 4165. The elementary schools have an increase of fourteen students, the middle school an increase of two students, and the high school has decreased by six students.

Class size is also being closely watched. At the elementary level, two sections have been added to keep the class sizes down. East School will go from five to six sections and they are monitoring Grade 2 and Grade 4 at South School.

Substitute applications have increased this summer and subs are currently being interviewed and added to AESOP. A proactive approach is also being used with Long Term subs that the district has had previous relationships with to make sure that any teacher absences can be covered with quality teachers in a timely manner.

D. Distance Learning Survey Review**Dr. Luizzi**

Dr. Luizzi shared with the Board the results of the Distance Learning Survey distributed to parents, teachers, students and staff. There were 2352 total respondents broken down into K - 6 (1150) and 7 - 12 (1202). The survey asked each cohort about engagement during distance learning, challenges they encountered and online/remote learning concerns. He is awaiting the final report from Hanover which he will share once received.

E. Proposed Changes to August 2020 Calendar Dates**Dr. Luizzi**

Dr. Luizzi discussed the option of moving two Professional Development days forward in the calendar to provide five consecutive days of learning and preparation for teachers. August 31st would remain the first day of school for students.

He also gave an overview of upcoming dates that are important in the reopening process. On July 24th, reopening plans (three scenarios) need to be submitted to the state. Webinars will be given at each school from July 27th - 31st to discuss reopening and have Q&A sessions. Between August 3rd and 6th, the district will survey family and staff on attendance plans and transportation needs. By August 12th, plans should be finalized for the school year.

VI. Action Items

District Goals and Objectives (1st read)

Move to approve, as a first read, the 2020-2021 District Goals and Objectives

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

VII. Public Comments:

None.

VIII. Announcements and Future Business:

Next BOE Meeting: August 10, 2020 - 7:00PM

IX. Adjournment

Ms. West moved to adjourn at 10:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Gardiner.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Jennifer Richardson
Board of Education Secretary**