

NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
NCHS WAGNER ROOM
May 2, 2022
7:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Parkhill called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendance:

	Alves	Bennett	Hayes	Hogan	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Schwedel	Toal
Present	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Absent					✓				

II. Review and approve agenda: May 2, 2022

Ms. Schwedel moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

	Alves	Bennett	Hayes	Hogan	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Schwedel	Toal
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

III. Approve Minutes:

April 18, 2022

Ms. Rashin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

	Alves	Bennett	Hayes	Hogan	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Schwedel	Toal
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

IV. Comments from the Public:

None.

V. Reports and Recognition

A. Health Program Update

Mr. Jonathan Adams

Mr. Adams gave an overview on how the Health Department is working on accomplishing district goals. These include using UbD to implement units of study in Kindergarten, researching best models for elective health choices for seniors, identifying best practices at the elementary and high school levels, and continuing regular community outreach programs. The Health Department is continuously making revisions to their K-12 Health curriculum to best align to the changing needs of the students.

The vision of the Health Education curriculum is to equip students with the skills necessary to improve their health literacy to help them make informed decisions that will lead to a healthy lifestyle. They do this by building health literacy skills through promoting core concepts including personal wellness and

healthy relationships. These core concepts are then taught through functional knowledge and skills that help students advocate for themselves, set goals and analyze outside influences. Not only do students get Health Literacy, they also receive Digital Literacy Citizenship and SAPL /Emotional Intelligence lessons which strengthen their experiences.

Recently, the State adopted a Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework to help guide districts. One of the 2022-23 goals of the Health Department is to do a comparison analysis of the document to look for gaps in the current curriculum. They would also like to create focus groups of students and parents at the middle school and high school. Lastly, they would like to evaluate the health schedule in grades K-4 as well as grades 9 - 12.

B. Healthier Start Times Update

Dr. Luizzi & Cabinet

Dr. Luizzi sent out an update letter to families which included the start times update before the BOE meeting. Mr. Walder is working through bus scenarios and runs. Grade 7/8 and the high school will have school from 8:00am to 2:30 pm, the elementary schools from 8:35am to 3:10pm, and grades 5/6 from 9:15am to 3:45pm. Classes for the elementary schools would need to end at 3:05pm so that students could board buses because 40 minutes are needed to get the buses back to Saxe for 3:45pm. Late buses will still be available for grades 7/8 and the high school at 4:00 pm. There will also be a sports/activities bus available for the high school at 5:15 pm which will run for the first marking period and will continue as long as students are using it. At the elementary schools, an Early Bird program will be available (self-funded) if there is student need.

In the Transportation Department, Mr. Walder has added a FAQ page to the website which will be refined as we get closer to the beginning of school. The buses we ordered from DATTCO are in and there will be a new App piloted for families to be able to track buses and send alerts when students are arriving home.

C. Summer Programs Update

Dr. Correnty, Mr. Tesbir & Cabinet

Summer Enrichment classes are open for sign ups and there are currently 365 students already registered. Students can take a one week class or multiple classes including Top Chef, Robotic/Coding classes, Art Classes, College Essay class and American Girl Doll Camp. These classes will be held in the new wing at Saxe as well as South School. There is a Summer Achievement Academy which helps students who have been affected academically or social/emotionally by COVID. It is a free program, K-8 and runs 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Currently, there are over 100 students interested in participating. It is a four week program but students do not have to attend all four weeks. The Extended School Year program is PPT driven for students. It is similar to the regular school year with fewer hours to help students with their maintenance of their skills. It runs Monday through Thursday from June 27th to July 21st. A Credit Recovery Program is also offered during the summer and runs about three weeks. Many of the students who attend this program come from other districts.

VI. Action Items Policy 5010 - Eligibility to attend New Canaan Schools

Move to approve, as a first reading, revised policy 5010 - Eligibility to attend New Canaan Schools

Mr. Hayes moved to approve as a first reading, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

VII. Comments from the Public

None.

VIII. Announcements and Future Meetings: Next Regular Meeting Monday, May 16, 2022 Student Based Grading, Statement of Accounts

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Bennett moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM, seconded by Ms. Rashin.

	Alves	Bennett	Hayes	Hogan	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Schwedel	Toal
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Bennett
Board of Education Secretary