

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Center for Personalized Learning in a joint meeting with the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others attended the Regional School District meeting.

The Board conveyed the message that the voters of Canaan are extremely upset about the latest tax increase. The SelectBoard has put out an information sheet explaining that there was an effective 12.5% increase for Canaan. The increase appeared less because the overall property value went up 5%.

There was discussion as to why a third of the surplus was retained. The Superintendent said that the cost of bus transportation went up and they needed to cover the contract. He also indicated that there were extra special education costs as well.

There was discussion about test scores for the school and progress being made.

The Board asked Bob Cusick why he hasn't supported a tax allocation plan that splits the tax load based on students (ADM) and tax base. He indicated that they looked at it and there are too many problems.

The school board spoke about now being able to keep quality teachers.

The School Board indicated that the proposed 2017 warranted budget would be about a 3% increase plus teachers' contract which would add another point or two.

Tim Josephson indicated that they are trying to get full state aid for a full time kindergarten student. Even though a child is going full time, the state only provides aid for a half time student.

The Board of Selectmen left the room at 6:45 and at 6:46 PM, outside of the meeting room door, Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen