

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2018
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Michael Loughran at 6:33 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Michael Loughran	yea
Kristin Mirliani	yea
Meg Gannon	yea

- B. Open Session convened at 7:08 PM. Chairman Loughran informed the public that they may be returning to Executive Session at the completion of this Open Session.

Present are:

Michael Loughran
Kristin Mirliani
Meg Gannon

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Patrick LaBelle, Student Representative
Public
Staff
Press

- C. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments.
- D. Student Member Report: Patrick LaBelle reported on the Rodman Early Childhood Center students' participation in STEAM design challenges. At CHS, Pat spoke about a class focusing on Global Competency which focuses on worldwide issues (i.e. hunger, transportation problems, and climate change).
- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activity Highlights:

NSIP: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that she continues to participate in the New Superintendents' Induction Program. Last Thursday, January 11th, Dr. Fischer-Mueller had the pleasure of showing how the Canton School Committee's commitment to the Strategic Framework is represented in our budget guidelines and reflected in the budget proposal. She expressed her confidence that the School Committee and administration continue to be aligned in our commitment to the district's Strategic Framework.

CFED Meeting: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller noted that last night's Canton Families Embracing Diversity meeting very well attended and focused on building empathy and kindness in Canton and planning for next month's Black History Celebration on February 28, 2018. Dr. Fisher-Mueller thanked Sasha Martone and Cynthia Holcombe for their leadership of and commitment to CFED.

Updates

JFK Message: Yesterday, Principal McMahon sent a message out to the JFK community reminding them of the upcoming, September 2018, school start and end times (9:05AM – 3:20PM), and announced the option of before- and after-school care with Kidsborough. As well, she shared the good news of the School Committee's recent vote to add modulars to JFK as a short term solution to ease their challenges with space.

Important Dates and Events (*SC member participation requested)

- January 24 Scholastic Family Book Fair Galvin Middle School 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- January 25 CHS - Course Selection Night 6:30- 8:00 Course selection night begins with parents of incoming freshman at 6:30 pm, upperclassman parents are invited at 7:15 pm
- January 26 End of 2nd Marking Period and 1st Semester for GMS and CHS
- January 26 – 27 JFK 5th Grade Play Public Welcome Canton High School Auditorium Starts at 7:00 pm
- January 29 Luce - Kindergarten Visit "Give a Pig a Pancake"
- January 31 Elementary Math Workshop For parents/guardians of students in Grades 1-5. Topics 9-12 will be covered Hansen Elementary School 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm
- March 23 CAPE Spelling Bee

F. Old Business

1. Dr. Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow requested approval of the FY19 Budget. Chairman Loughran thanked Mr. Nectow for highlighting the changes to the budget to make it very easy to understand what is not being funded. At a later date, Mr. Nectow will provide information school by school as requested by Mr. Bonnanzio. No additional questions on the budget. Mr. Nectow updated all budget information which is available on the website. Dr. Fischer-Mueller clarified that we are voting on a number that will be presented to the Town of

Canton, \$42,436,477.00. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the FY19 budget. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

2. Mr. Nectow presented the modified FY19 Capital Plan. This modified plan will be sent to the Town of Canton. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked Jim Murgia for his help. Vote for a 5 year plan of \$3,000,238.00. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the modified FY19 five year Capital Plan. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

G. New Business

1. Rodman FY19 Tuition: Donna Kilday is seeking approval for 2018-2019 tuition rates at the Rodman Integrated Pre-School. Donna explained that the purpose of the program is to service 3-5 year olds with disabilities; she explained that all classrooms are integrated. The program has capacity to service 105 students. They are currently at 99 students and expect that they will be at capacity by end of February as a result of move-ins. 145+ students is the projected number for 2018-2019. Early Intervention has projected about 70 referrals, in addition to parent referrals and move ins. Ms. Kilday expects they may need 7 classrooms in 2018-2109. Donna Kilday mentioned that space is an issue. Superintendent Jennifer Fischer-Mueller talked about the Feasibility Study and how it relates to PK space. Additional information will be available on the website. Donna Kilday is proposing a 3.5% tuition increase. She noted that tuition assistance is offered. Supporting documents will be available on the website. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the tuition rates. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

2. Request for Out-Of-Country Travel: Ms. Johanna Haver and Ms. Heidi Olsen requested permission for the 40th annual German Exchange trip in April. Feedback was provided from 2 students in audience who participated in last year's trip. Additional background information will be available on the website. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the travel request. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

3. Request for Out-Of-State Travel: Dr. Meredith Chamberland requested permission to attend College Field Trips to URI/Providence College and UConn. This is the 3rd year CHS has been taking college tours with students. The target audience is juniors and sophomores. Parent feedback suggested going to schools that are further away. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the travel request. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

4. Canton Students Embracing Diversity (CSED): Derek Folan introduced members of this group. Stephanie Shapiro is the CSED advisor. Mr. Folan noted that this project started last year and the group is flourishing this year. CSED promotes equity, diversity and appreciation for one another. CSED would like to add more flags to the CHS entry at a later date. Chairman Loughran asked about the groups' growth. Members reported that they are more organized this year and currently have representatives from each grade. Chairman Loughran offered the School Committee's support and invited the group to come back each year to give updates.
5. Project Snow Overview: Members of Safeguarding Neighborhoods Over Winter (SNOW) did a presentation on how their group helps the community stay safe in the winter. They are raising awareness in the community in hopes of creating a safer community for all Canton residents.
6. CHS Program of Studies: Principal Derek Folan and Guidance Director Meredith Chamberland presented the 2018-2109 CHS Program of Studies. Mr. Folan is looking for stronger participation, achievement and recommendation process for AP classes. Mr. Folan proposed contracts to be signed during the summer identifying AP work to be completed. Mr. Folan said American Sign Language grew in popularity. After some research CHS came to realize that it does not fulfill collegiate admission process in most schools. There will be a disclaimer on ASL classes in the POS. Chairman Loughran inquired about the 9 day add/drop. Dr. Chamberland clarified that students' grades follow them if they were to drop out of a class. Mr. Folan spoke about reshaping Math Seminar and Algebra 1 Skills. Additional POS information is available on the website. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the POS. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

7. Mid-America Contract Award: Barry Nectow requested that we award a bid for Mid-America Contract to be CPS's 403B servicer. Meg Gannon motioned to approve the contract award. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays

H. Business Manager's Report: Nothing to report.

I. Routine Matters

1. Approve Bill Schedule dated January 25, 2018. Meg Gannon motioned to approve the bill schedule. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 3-0.

3 Yeas 0 nays

J. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC - Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller - Nothing to report
2. CPC - John Bonnanzio – Absent- Chairman Loughran said there is an item for lights at Walsh Field.
3. BRC - Reuki Schutt – Nothing to report
4. Wellness - Meg Gannon –
5. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon - nothing to report
6. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Will have information at next meeting
7. PRHC - John Bonnanzio – Absent

K. Future Business – Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

L. Other Business: No report

M. Adjournment: Kristen Mirliani motioned to close Open Session and return to Executive Session at 8:41. The motion was seconded by Meg Gannon. It was voted 3-0.

3 yeas 0 nays