

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 1, 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 7:06PM. Chairman Loughran announced that Executive Session was cancelled this evening.
- B. Open Session:
- Present are:
Michael Loughran
Kristin Mirliani
Meg Gannon
Reuki Schutt
John Bonnanzio
- Also Present:
Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Public
Staff
Press
- C. Public Comments/Questions: None
- D. Student Member Report: No student report
- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activity Highlights:

CFED Black History Month Celebration: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller attended the CFED Black History Month Celebration last night. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked Cynthia Holcomb and everyone involved in coordinating this wonderful event. The evening included the Canton High School Chamber Singers; Soloist, Angelena Hightower; CSED Performance Poetry; Liturgical Dancer, Millynnia Lewis; and keynote speaker, Kai Grant sharing "The Importance of Entrepreneurship in Urban Communities." The program was supported in part by a grant from the Canton Cultural Council.

Updates

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller shared how Canton Public Schools can respond most effectively to the Parkland, Florida shooting. Dr. Fischer-Mueller explained that Canton Public Schools is developing a response plan comprised of three interconnecting categories:

1. Supporting students and staff in each school
2. Ensuring safety and security across the district
3. Upholding and supporting student voice

Dr. Fischer-Mueller spoke in depth about the steps the Canton Public Schools will take to carry out the above response plan. This report in its entirety is available on the Canton Public Schools website.

Additionally, the report by Harvard Graduate School of Education: Student Activism and Gun Control is posted on the Canton Public Schools School Committee webpage.

It was reported that Mr. Folan has spoken with student leaders at the high school about their thoughts regarding a walkout on March 14. Dr. Fischer-Mueller is confident that should CHS students engage in a walkout, they will express their views responsibly and respectfully. A CHS staff will support students as they exercise their rights as active members of a democracy.

Any updates that develop regarding a plan of response will be provided. Chairman Loughran will also provide an update on his upcoming meeting with CPD Police Chief at the next School Committee meeting.

Indicators of Excellence

CHS Wrestlers: Senior Riley Brown took home the Gold at this past weekend's New England Women's Wrestling Championship. Brown joins Skye Woodman and Lauren Cortizo as the only women in the history of the Bulldog program to win this prestigious tournament.

Eddie Marinilli, a sophomore who became the first Canton wrestler to win the All-State Championship. Eddie was the Division 2 State champion and then moved onto the All States. Eddie will compete at New England's this weekend. Congratulations and best of luck, Eddie!

Important Dates and Events

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| March 2 - 3 | <u>GMS Musical--Annie!</u>
Public Welcome- 7pm CHS Auditorium |
| March 6 - 8 | <u>Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019</u> |
| March 7 | Early Release - Grades PreK-5 Common Planning, Grades 6-12 Professional Development |
| March 7 | <u>Hansen School Blood Drive</u>
1:00pm - 6:00pm Hansen School Gym |
| March 15 - 18 | <u>CHS Musical Production</u>
Public Welcome- 7pm, Sunday Matinee @ 2:00 CHS Auditorium |
| March 16 | <u>End of 2nd Trimester for Grades K-5</u> |
| March 20 | <u>Parent Program on Social and Emotional Learning at Home</u>
Elementary Parents Welcome - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
CHS Auditorium Elementary CAPT sponsored event |
| March 21 | <u>CFED Monthly Meeting</u>
7:00pm - 8:00pm CHS Library Conference Room |
| March 23 | <u>Annual Town Wide Spelling Bee, sponsored by CAPE</u> 6:00pm - 9:00pm
CHS Auditorium |
| March 24 | <u>Luce School Carnival</u>
Public Welcome - 10:00am - 3:00pm |
| March 27 | <u>CHS Spring Concert</u>
Public Welcome- 7pm CHS Auditorium |

F. Old Business

1. FY 18 Budget: Mr. Nectow shared the FY18 Operating budget again and further discussed options to offset the \$778,000 budget deficit which were presented last week. These options were: \$75,000 from PK revolving and \$110,000 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund. Additional information is available on the website.
2. FY19 Budget: Mr. Nectow reviewed additional deficit offset options which included \$100,000 from Building Rental, \$200,000 from Revolving Funds and \$800,000 from Operating Budget reductions. Mr. Nectow explained that the offset options are a onetime use only. Mr. Nectow looked at the FY 18 and FY 19 budgets and presented a chart of how the offset options would adjust the budget deficit for each fiscal year. Information is available on the website. Mr. Bonnanzio asked if there has been a discussion to increase fees to offset costs. Dr. Fischer-Mueller said this has not been discussed. There was a brief conversation against raising user fees as a source of funding.

Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked Jim Murgia for his support. Also noted was the change of date for the FinCom meeting. The meeting is moved from March 12th to March 14th @ 7:00 PM.

G. New Business

1. Policy AC: Deb Bromfield presented Policy AC for 1st read. Ms. Bromfield explained that homelessness has to be added to all docs as a protective class. Reuki Schutt motioned to waive the 2nd read. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

John Bonnanzio asked to strike the sentence that references Boy Scouts. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve AC to add homelessness where needed and to strike the line regarding Boy Scouts and approve Policy AC as presented. Meg Gannon seconded It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Policy AC-R: Debra Bromfield presented Policy AC-R for 1st read. John Bonnanzio asked to change school days to calendar days. Ms. Bromfield gave reason why it was important to keep the wording school days (i.e. staff not available during vacations, weekend days, etc.). Reuki Schutt motioned to waive the 2nd read, Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

Reuki Schutt motioned to accept policy AC-R as amended. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

3. Policy BDG: Kristin Mirliani presented Policy BDG for confirmation. Reuki Schutt motioned to waive the 2nd read, Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0. Reuki Schutt motioned to affirm and ratify policy BDG as policy. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

4. Policy JEB: Deb Bromfield presented Policy JEB for 1st read. Reuki Schutt motioned to waive the 2nd read, Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve policy JEB as presented. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

5. Policy JCLEA-R: Deb Bromfield presented Policy JCLEA-R for 1st read. Ms. Bromfield reported that she worked with district nurses, Nurse Leader, Dr. Muse and the Department of Public Health to revise this policy. Ms. Bromfield noted that the changes in the policy reflect a move from allergen free environment to allergen awareness environment. Policy JCLEA-R is available on line. Reuki Schutt motioned to waive the 2nd read, Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve Policy JCLEA-R as presented. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

- H. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that the posting and emails went out yesterday for Cabot Fund Application. Information regarding the Cabot Fund Application is available on the website. Mr. Nectow also reported that along with BRC, he and Ms. Schutt interviewed 3 companies for Feasibility Study. Dore and Whittier was selected. The next step is to negotiate a contract with Dore and Whittier over next couple of weeks. Mr. Nectow expects that by the end of May we will have a draft study with a target day to wrap by the end of June. Mr. Nectow thanked the BRC for their work. Mr. Nectow also spoke about how valuable the walkthrough was with CPD, CFD and the Building inspector with regard to safety and security in our schools. Finally, with a modular vendor, Mr. Nectow walked the JFK building site to review modular locations and options. Mr. Nectow said the next step is to walk the site with Town representatives. The feasibility study will also study aspects of the modulars.

I. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated February 15, 2018. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the minutes. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Approve Executive minutes dated February 15, 2018. Chairman Loughran asked to hold executive minutes dated February 15, 2018 for further edification.

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated March 8, 2018. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the bill schedule. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

J. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC - Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller - Nothing to report
2. CPC - John Bonnanzio – Nothing to report
3. BRC - Reuki Schutt – No additional information. Spoke to in Business Manager’s report.
4. Wellness - Meg Gannon –Nothing to report
5. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
6. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report
7. PRHC - John Bonnanzio – Nothing to report

K. Future Business – Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

L. Other Business: No report

M. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 8:06 pm. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays