

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 29, 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 6:24 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. It was voted by roll call 5-0.

Michael Loughran	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea
Meg Gannon	yea
Kristin Mirliani	yea

- B. Open Session: Convened at 7:16 PM. Chairman Loughran announced that this evening is Mr. John Bonnanzio's last meeting.

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: Members of the School Committee, a member of the Board of Selectman, a member of the public and a member of Mr. Bonnanzio's family thanked Mr. Bonnanzio and recognized him for his commitment to CPS. A brief reception followed.
- D. Student Member Report: Tony Harris spoke about his visits to the Hansen School and GMS. At the Hansen, Tony noted that the 1st grade classrooms are learning key computer skills using Google Docs. In the 4th grade, they are using discover education to demonstrate their knowledge of energy. When writing their reports, 4th graders are learning to cite their sources. At GMS, the 7th grade science classes are creating their own web pages regarding ecosystems.

- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activity Highlights:

Hansen School CAPT: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller attended the March 6th Hansen CAPT meeting and shared the district Strategic Framework and entertained some questions and comments about the Framework. Issues of safety and security were also discussed. Principal Brauninger addressed specific issues.

CAPT and CAPE Presidents Meeting: At the March 7th meeting with Presidents of CAPE and

CAPT, April Goran and Patricia Kinsella reviewed their work identifying a new vendor for our public website. Ms. Goran and Ms. Kinsella shared highlights from the community survey and sought input from the Presidents.

William James Interface Referral Service: On March 16th, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller joined other Town department leaders to hear a presentation of the William James Interface Referral Service. Debra Bromfield will serve as the school department's liaison along with Ms. Bonner from the Town. The Town is committed to supporting students and their families with mental health issues. This is an important compliment to the school district's overall work on social emotional learning.

CAPE Spelling Bee: Congratulations to all the teams that won their division in the Annual CAPE Spelling Bee last Friday, March 23. Once again, Ellen Golden graciously chaired the event and organized the work of many volunteers, including the judges, Worker Bees, and all the behind-the-scenes support. We are very appreciative of CAPE's generosity supporting innovation in our schools.

Updates

Personnel:

Recently, Dr. Conard resigned from his position as Principal for the Galvin Middle School. Additionally, Jennifer Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will retire the end of this school year.

Coordinated Program Review:

During the week of April 25-27, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be onsite visiting our schools as part of the Coordinated Program Review. This once- every-six-year-review is being conducted to assess the district's compliance with the laws and regulations that guide the practice of Special Education, Civil Rights and English Language Learning. While visiting our district's schools, the Department's staff will interview administrators, teachers and specialists. They will also visit classrooms and speak with parents/guardians.

We expect to hear about the Department's preliminary findings and we will report out to you in September 2018.

Title I Program Review:

The district received notification on February 28, 2018 that it successfully completed the program review of the Title I federally funded program with no follow up actions recommended. Congratulations to Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Seaver and all those involved in the Title 1 programming.

Weather Calls: The School Department engaged in a deep review with our partners to clarify our protocol and make adjustments as deemed necessary. Examples include:

- Establishing a live answering service for all calls to the school district during office delays or closings
- Broadening our "on the ground" assessment of the current conditions of roads, fallen trees and lines
- Confirming direct lines of contact with the bus company(ies)
- Identifying the automatic phone call system's options
- Establishing direct communications with specific area superintendents
- Updating families and staff on the potential of a change in school hours

Thank you, also, to the feedback from parents about the challenges presented by the weather and ways to improve our process of decision making. Special appreciative for the collaboration with Canton's Police and Fire Departments, as well as the DPW.

Indicators of Excellence

CHS Robotics: The RoboDogs qualified for the Regionals for a third straight year and they received the Inspire Award at States. This award recognizes community engagement, robotics program development, and innovation in design, performance in the "field", engineering articulation, and teamwork/collaboration. The Canton Robodogs will advance to the FIRST World Championships on April 24-28, held in Detroit, Michigan

Galvin Middle School Spelling Bee: The Galvin Middle School held their school-wide Spelling Bee on February 13. Congratulations to 8th grader Christopher Pho who placed first; 7th grader Doron Tofias who placed second; and 6th grader Rosie Grady who placed third. Christopher Pho will now compete in the Massachusetts Regional Spelling Bee on March 23 at Lynn City Hall Auditorium with a chance to compete in the National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C. in April

Future Problem Solvers: Several teams/individuals have been invited to compete at State Bowl at Clark University in Worcester on Saturday, April 7th. It is important to note that our teachers are an integral part of the partnership of educating the future problem solving students and helping them to achieve such success. We wish to thank them along with our dedicated and tireless parent-coaches.

STEAM PLC: The STEAM Professional Learning Community, comprised of administrators, educators and students will have their final planning session on April 2nd, putting the finishing touches on this year's STEAM EXPO. On Wednesday, April 25th from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., all Canton students and families are invited to **The Challenge of RE: An Exposition of REcycling, REusing, REclaiming, REinventing, REengineering, REjuvenating and REenvisioning.**

Canton's Educator Evaluation Administrators' PLC: Our Educator Evaluation Administrator Professional Learning Community met for their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 20th to discuss the power of student feedback in modifying or changing the teaching and learning environment.

Mentoring: The Mentoring Group met for their monthly meeting on March 27th with a focus on backwards design. The group experienced two educators opening a new unit with a "hook" and the importance of elevating relevance and engagement was demonstrated and discussed.

Elementary Science Curriculum: The Elementary Science Curriculum Writers, a group of elementary educators who meet to develop units that address the new science and technology standards continue to fine-tune and vet their work with Jen Henderson and Katie Clarke

Mock Trial: The Mock Trial Team, comprised of primarily new members, made it to the Elite Eight Round held at the Federal JJ Moakley Courthouse this year and were then eliminated. Donna Creed Bauman, coach, was extremely proud of this team, which far surpassed everyone's expectations as a year of rebuilding.

Athletic News: The Girls Hockey team returned to the Boston Garden for the Division II State Championship game for the second straight year. They lost to top-seeded Wellesley 1-0. Also, wrestler Eddie Marinilli became the first CHS wrestler in history to become the All-State Champion! Congratulations, Eddie on being the best wrestler in your weight class in the state!

World Language at the Preschool: Since the start of the year, preschool students have been visited by Señora Olson for a Spanish story time complete with song and dance in Spanish. Upcoming topics include: El transporte (Transportation) and the *Trucktown* series from Jon Scieszka and Eric Carle's *Una oruga muy hambrienta (A Very Hungry Caterpillar)*.

Performing Arts at the Preschool: The Rodman Early Childhood Center classrooms are visited regularly by Ms. Betsy Pabon, Performing Arts Teacher. Ms. Pabon will also help get new preschool music curriculum.

Elementary World Language News – Global Language and Culture Clubs: Our first ever, 12-week Global Language and Culture Clubs at the JFK, Hansen, and Luce will be finishing up on April 2. There were over 80 students enrolled in the after-school program.

World Language Week News: On March 2-9, the World Language Department offered an array of linguistic and cultural activities for students, their families, and the larger community.

CHS Beauty and the Beast: CHS put on their 1st performance with interpreters! Their goal was to reach the deaf and hard of hearing community and to build bridges to the hearing world. Special thanks to the Canton High School ASL interpreters: Claire Belise, Maddy Benson, Evelyn Carrington, Olivia Chambers, Maro Coulibaly, Caitlin Downing, Shayna Johnson, Michael Khouri, Molly McKenna, Kaitlyn Rampino, and Ally Reddish.

It is also important to remember the UNSUNG Heroes who have a large part in the success of all productions. While the list includes many of the faculty and students who put in hundreds of hours preparing for the four *Beauty and the Beast* performances, a special thank you to all the parents/guardians who helped build the sets, pick up props, donated and loaned props and worked the front of the house for the actual shows. Also the behind the scenes costume designers, *Susan Harrington, Stacey Drew, & Jennifer Prendergast*. Thank you all committed parents!

Joy in the Spring: The Canton High School ensemble groups performed last night, March 27th, at their Spring Concert, to an enthusiastic audience.

Important Dates and Events

March 30 **No School-Good Friday**

April 5 **CHS/GMS Jazz II Concert** Public Welcome- 7pm CHS Auditorium

April 6 **End of 3rd Marking Period for GMS and CHS**

April 7 **Game On! JFK Fundraiser** 11:00AM-2:00PM

April 10 **Elementary Math Night** JFK 6:00-8:00

April 11 **Grades PreK-5 Early Release-Parent Conferences**

April 12 **Grades PreK-5-Evening Parent Conferences**

April 16 – 20 **No School: Spring Recess**

April 25 **STEAM "RE-" EXPO** CHS 4:30-8:00 p.m.

F. Old Business

1. FY 18 Budget - Mr. Barry Nectow asked FinCom for a supplement to offset the FY18 budget deficit. FinCom recommended handling the FY18 deficit amount by putting motion in the warrant to put \$600,000 in special education stabilization fund. This money can be drawn on as needed through the close of the year with approval from BOS and the School Committee.

2. FY19 Budget – Mr. Nectow reports that CPS presented three requests to offset the \$2.3 million dollar deficit. First was a request for an additional \$500,000. Next was a request for \$735,000 thousand supplement for next year. Finally, CPS will do its part and reallocate money in our budget to line items causing the deficit (tuition and transportation). FinCom will be voting on Monday. FinCom approved and recommended funding of JFK modular classrooms.

G. New Business

1. JFK Building Waiver – JFK CAPT member, Ms. Ellen McGrath requested, in writing, a building use fee waiver to the JFK annual fundraiser “Game On” on April 7th from 11-2. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the waiver. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Luce Fun Run Approval – Luce Fun Run Committee Member, Ms. Jennifer Trabucco requested approval, in writing, for the annual Fun Run to be held at the Luce School on May 20th from 10-1. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the request, Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

3. Request for Out of State Travel – Katie Healy requested permission to attend the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship at the Cobo Convention Center in Detroit, MI from 4/23/18- 4/30/18. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the travel. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

4. CAPE Grant Presentation – Ms. Katie Clark and Meg Kelly presented a copy of the list of the upcoming approved CAPE grants. CAPE awards approximately \$14,000 in grants. Books and instruments are popular requests. Handout will be available on the website.

5. Safety and Security Update – Jennifer Henderson and Barry Nectow provided an update of our efforts to improve safety and security. Lt. Rae provided us with a list of recommendations. Town and school officials looked at camera views and all entry and exits to be sure hardware is working properly and egress is not blocked. Looking at options to cover glass areas and how we bring students in and out of buildings in case of emergency. Also looking to develop space in building for SRO's. All handout information is available on the website.
6. School Calendar – Dr. Fischer-Mueller presented the school year calendar 2018-2019 with corrections.
7. Policies – Kristin Mirliani and Debra Bromfield presented 2 policies for 1st read:

- i. Policy JM - Deb Bromfield presented Policy JM 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 JM as presented. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

- ii. Policy JJ – Deb Bromfield presented Policy JJ for 1st read. Members agreed to hold approval to review the sentence that reads *all activities will be supervised*.

8. Disposal of Property – Barry Nectow presented a request for disposal of old computers and laptops. Reuki Schutt motioned to approval of the disposal. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

9. Galvin Statement of Interest – Barry Nectow presented a Massachusetts School Business Authority Statement of Interest for approval to submit the SOI for the renovation of the Galvin Middle School. Mr. John Bonnanzio read aloud the Statement of Interest vote. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the Statement of Interest. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

H. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that yellow bus registration will begin Monday, April 23rd. All information will be on the district webpage. Kristin Mirliani asked that parking passes are issued in conjunction with bus passes. The Feasibility Study asked that Dore and Whittier come back next week to discuss the amount of the contract. This meeting likely will be held next week.

I. Routine Matters

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

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Approve Bill schedule dated March 22, 2018. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the bill schedule. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated April 5, 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 – Chairman Loughran noted that a meeting will be held prior to town meeting
3. BRC - Reuki Schutt – No additional information.
4. Wellness - Meg Gannon –Committee will meet and present policy at next meeting
5. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
6. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report
7. PRHC - John Bonnanzio – Meeting scheduled for 4/9

- K. Future Business – Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

- L. Other Business: No report

- M. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 9:14 pm. Meg Gannon seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays