

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2015
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call To Order – Cynthia Thomas calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters it was voted by roll call: 4 – 0

Cynthia Thomas	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea
Michael Loughran	yea

- B. Open Session convened at 7:14 PM

Present: Cynthia Thomas
Robert Golledge
Reuki Schutt
Michael Loughran

Also Present: Jeffrey Granatino Superintendent of Schools
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Parents
Staff
Press

- C. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated December 18, 2014. It was voted to: 3 – 0 – 1.

3	yeas	0	nays	1	abstain
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2. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated December 18, 2014. It was voted: 3 – 0 – 1.

3	yeas	0	nays	1	abstain
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3. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated December 18, 2104 for Public Release holding #1. It was voted: 4 – 0.

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated June January 15, 2015. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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- D. Public Comments – Mr. Dugan Condon, Luce School parent, expresses concern that the Luce School has been unhappy with having to be the last tier for many years. It is difficult for parents getting children to their after school activities due to the last dismissal time. There are some parents will not support the change unless a start time rotation schedule is put in place for all elementary schools. Mr. Condon feels the Luce School has been disadvantaged for at least the last dozen years. Two issues expressed are Luce start and finish time and start time for the entire district. The School Committee invited Mr. Condon to be actively involved in establishing a rotation schedule.

- E. Student Member – Asia Smith reports on student activities throughout the district.

F. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Granatino reports

- Rumni Saha, besides being a wonderful Learning Center Teacher at GMS is a published author as well.
- Cold weather but very lucky so far no snow
- Michael Curry, CHS Math Department Coordinator has set up a per-Learning situation which was beneficial for many math teachers
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G. Old Business

1. FY16 Preliminary Budget – Superintendent Granatino presents a powerpoint on FY16 Operating Budget Preliminary Overview. The school committee will thoroughly review the budget to prepare for continued budget discussion.
2. Annual Town Meeting Articles –
 - Article to fund the addition to the Hansen, for potential debt authorization override.
 - Increase Stabilization Fund
 - Transfer monies from sped stabilization fund to supplement the special education budget deficit
 - Need an article to appropriate funds for transportation needs of the district, with language to be approved by town counsel.

H. New Business

1. Canton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition – Fire Chief Doody and Police Chief Berkowitz give an update of the Coalition's work. The Coalition members are: fire, police, schools, pharmacist, physicians, probation officers, members of the Stoughton coalition group and 2 students. The group concentrates on school age children at the Canton Public Schools and Blue Hills Regional. The Committee would like to see this group publicize their mission to involve more community members. Upcoming contest for a new name for the Coalition with an iPad for the winner.
2. World Language Update – Heidi Olson, CHS World Language Coordinator, reports the new before school mandarin program has 15 students and a second group will begin because of the great interest. Ms. Olson proposed starting with incoming freshman (2015) to have a 2 years requirement for foreign language. This has been discussed with Mr. Conard and Mr. Rubin. Ms. Olson would like to develop an American Sign Language curriculum for one section. This could be a language that students pick for college and career rediness.
3. 2015-2016 School Year Calendar – Mr. Granatino presents draft of the 2015-2016 school year calendar. The Committee would like to see a revised calendar with a September 3, 2015 student start date.

I. Business Manager's Report – No report.

J. Sub-Committee Reports

Start Time – Elevate this subcommittee to an old business item for the 2/5/15 meeting. The BOS suggested that we discuss potential impacts on traffic with the town's traffic engineer.

SBSC – Mr. Bonnanzio reports waiting on planning board and permit data to give enrollment growth. Report on 2/26/15 as old business item.

K. Future – Next meeting January 22, 2015.

L. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays