

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of January 21, 2016
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

The back-up support documents for each agenda item are arranged in the order listed below.

- A. Call to Order – Reuki Schutt calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was no executive session held.

Present are:

Robert Golledge
Mike Loughran
John Bonnanzio
Kristin Mirliani

Also Present:

Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Staff
Press

- B. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated January 7, 2016. It was voted 4-0.
4 yeas 0 nays
2. Approve Bill Schedule dated January 28, 2016. It was voted 4-0.
4 yeas 0 nays

- C. Public Comments/Questions: Ellen Donovan expressed her disappointment in the decision on PARCC. Ms. Donovan also would like to see all of the elementary schools on one bus tier. Catherine Hoberg also mentioned that the video of the Finance Committee may be worth watching because the Free Full Day Kindergarten issue was brought up after the initial agenda item.

- D. Student Member Report: Janet Johnson reported that the Rodman Early Childhood Program reminds all parents to get in their Preschool lottery applications in by January 28. The lottery will be held on Monday, February 1st. In addition the Luce school celebrated “Whacky Wednesday” where children wore mismatched, backwards, inside-out items and unexpected attire. The children were challenged by defining whacky in their own terms.

On Monday January 11 the Hansen held their Winter Music Concert that was very well attended. The Museum of Science Traveling Geology Rock Program traveled to Canton and met with the third grade students on January 19th as well. Eleanor Roosevelt also visited the JFK on January 19th and told the story of her life.

Galvin Middle School and CHS Jazz band performed January 19th. The Galvin Middle School’s James De Vito (6th grade) is the winner of the GMS Annual Geography Bee. James will also be taking an exam to see if he qualifies for the State Finals in Washington DC. Janet also congratulated Matty Marcone for his goal scored in his first CHS Hockey game.

- E. Superintendent's Report: In Jennifer Henderson's absence, Jayne Moore, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the Superintendent's report. Activities and events mentioned included the following:
1. Notification of Public Hearing: The public hearing for the School District Operating Budget is April 7th.
 2. School Committee Breakfast with the High School Students has been rescheduled to April 5th.
 3. Robotics: The Canton High School Robotics team hosted their league event (RED 4 Meet 3) on Saturday, January 16th in the CHS Library. The Robodogs are also pleased to announce the continued sponsorship of Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin recently donated \$1,000 to support the robotics team. The team's technical mentor, Lockheed Martin employee, and CHS alumni, Chris Thomas, also provides mechanical engineering and programming support.
 4. Right to Know and District and School Report Cards will be sent electronically and posted on our website at the end of January.
 5. Start time for next Year: The Superintendent reminded the public that Luce will shift to the second tier next year with Hansen moving to the third tier.
 6. The Full Day K and lottery process will proceed as usual due to the decision about Free Full Day Kindergarten not being made yet. Registration materials will be available on January 27th.
 7. Upcoming Events:
 - Strategies Behind the Mathematics "How to Help Kids with Homework": An informal session for parents of students in grades 1-5 from the Luce, JFK, and Hansen. This will take place On Monday, February 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Hansen Elementary School. Grade 1 and 2 parents are invited from 6:00-7:00 pm. Grades 3, 4, and 5 parents are invited from 7:00-8:00 pm.
 - Cape Spelling Bee: Friday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton High School Auditorium. Additional reminders will be sent out as the date draws near.
 - 2016 STEAM Expo: Wednesday, March 16th, from 4- 8:00 p.m. When the Expo was last ran, we had more than 1200 people attend. This year, so that you can stay as long as you'd like, dinner will be available in the CHS cafeteria. The theme this year is Sustainability.
 8. Superintendent Henderson also made a brief statement on the recent bomb threats received by several districts. The message included the following:

I would like to reassure the public that the Canton Public Schools work directly with the fire and police to investigate any calls or threats that are received. The necessary recommendation for shelter in place, search, sending students home or evacuation are directed by the police and fire personnel in consultation with school officials.

Ms. Henderson's report also congratulated Matty Marccone on his hockey goal and celebration. She also included that the student report from January 7th would be added in the body of the meeting minutes, in Janet Johnson's absence from the Jan. 7th meeting.

F. Old Business:

1. Finance Committee Update: Mr. Golledge reported on the recent discussion about the Free Full Day K program that occurred at the January 13th Finance Committee. School Committee members Robert Golledge, Reuki Schutt, Superintendent Henderson and Barry Nectow, Business Manager attended the meeting. Overall the Finance Committee appeared to be supportive of where the school committee would like to go with Free Full Day Kindergarten. The Finance Committee also had questions about the need for new administrative space. The discussion is an ongoing debate and space constraints are making it more of a priority. In the long run, the School Committee is trying to avoid having to build a new school to accommodate the growing student population.

G. New Business

- a. Envision the Future Presentation: Danette McGovern and Jayne Moore introduced Galvin Middle School students Abby Nee, Kaitlin McKenna and Genevieve Cordeiro. The students discussed their experiences and what they learned at the *Envision the Future* program they attended this summer. The girls attended the program by use of a scholarship from Stoughton Children's Dental Health Center and the district. After attending the program the girls decided they are going to create a STEM Club for the 6th and 7th graders where they will experiment and share knowledge.
- b. Operating Budget: Barry Nectow reviewed the FY16 budget and request of an increase of 5.64% over last year's budget. The initial budget was voted on and was delivered to the town on January 22, 2016. Mr. Nectow also reviewed the priorities of the requested items and that some of the initially requested items were not included to keep the budget down. The School Committee members reviewed some of the items they would like to look into in greater depth, including the Galvin Middle School items and Athletic Director position increase. Mr. Golledge expressed his concerned that we may not be getting the 5.64% increase we would like due to asking for Full Day K which will be about \$700,000. John Bonannzio motioned to move forward with the presented budget increase of \$38,304,760 to be presented to the town to meet the required bi-laws. Kristen Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

- c. Residency Policy: Kristen Mirliani reported on the new district policy to be reviewed by the School Committee for first read through. Mr. Golledge asked for any proposed edits. None at this time. The second read through will be at future School Committee meeting.
- d. Dean S. School Carnival: The Luce school CAPT has requested a fee waiver for their annual Luce School Fundraising Carnival on March 5th, 2016 from 10AM to 3PM. John Bonnanzio motioned to waive the custodial, rental and food services fee for this event. The motion was seconded by Kristin Mirliani. It was votes 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

