

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 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 6:00 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. It was voted by roll call 4-0.
- B. Open Session convened at 7:00 PM.

Present are:

Reuki Schutt
John Bonnanzio
Kristin Mirliani
Michael Loughran

Also Present:

Jen Henderson, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Staff
Press

A. Routine Matters:

- 1. Approve Minutes dated January 21, 2015. It was voted 4-0-1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

- 2. Approve Bill Schedule dated February 11, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

C. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments.

- D. Student Member Report: In the student member's a report was provided that included the following reports on all the schools in the district. The Early Childhood Center held the lottery for 2016-17 school year. Notification will be sent out soon. The Luce students created 180 valentines to be sent to servicemen and women. The Luce also had special visitors, Lilly and her Purple Plastic Purse who visited the Kindergarten students and Author Suzy Becker who visited the 4th grade.

The Hansen is wrapping up their can drive by donating 5 large boxes to be donated to the Canton Food Pantry. The Hansen also hosted the third Elementary Math Night for Parents. The Math Specialists' workshops provided strategies for parents to help their children with math work.

At the JFK, parents recognized their students hard work and accomplishments with 5th Grade Play. The 4th Grade participated in the One Hen Project and raised \$261 by selling homemade key chains and note cards.

The Galvin Middle School is hosting the Student Leadership Winter Dance and the 6th Graders attended an assembly on the American Civil Rights Movement. The GMS Winter Clubs have begun and students have signed up for Futsal, Cooking Club, Magazine, Rube Goldberg, Solar Cars and Extreme Sports.

Canton High School's Rigel Glagana, violin and Nino Ruggeri, tenor, have been selected to represent Canton at the All State Orchestra and Chorus in March. The Robotics Team has also continued on to the State Championships for the first time. Senior, Sung Ahn has been named a Presidential Scholar candidate for his exceptional academic performance and high SAT/ACT scores.

E. Superintendent's Report:

1. Recently Released Reports regarding Public Education in Massachusetts: Jennifer Henderson reported on the Quality Counts Report, which is a report that focuses on the progress being made by public schools in Massachusetts. The 2016 Quality Counts report was recently released by Education Week and is a good indicator of the work being done by progress being made by public schools in Massachusetts. The second report released was the Educator Evaluation Performance Summary. Comments from the DESE Commissioner regarding these ratings included the following:
 - This will be the third release since the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education passed revised educator evaluation regulations in 2012. We have reached an important milestone with this release, as the 2014-15 school year marked the first time all educators in all districts participated in an evaluation process aligned to the state framework.
 - The release included only overall Summative Performance Ratings. First and foremost, the district is working to ensure that all educators are receiving regular, high-quality feedback.
 - We need to identify and keep our high performers and position them as leaders in our schools. At the same time we need to be able to determine which of our educators need additional targeted support.
2. CONNECTIONS: The Canton High School recently began the CONNECTIONS program for a group of approximately 15 students. The Academic Support Grant funds were used for this new program. Over the past six years, the district has used the Academic Support Grant to fund a summer program called BRIDGES which is a transitional program offered to eighth graders entering ninth grade. The program provides academic support, team building, adult and peer emotional-social connections and transitional support. The new program, CONNECTIONS, will continue with some of those same freshmen supporting them throughout the school year. Additionally, sophomores are also considered for the program.
3. Cultural Proficiency End-Product Year One: The Superintendent reminded the audience that one of our five strategic goals is the following:

Throughout the 2015-16 school year, as the first of a multi-year awareness, professional development will occur to determine the cultural proficiency of all

CPS employees as a foundation for creating a more inclusive culture for staff, students and families.

During the year, the district has been providing ongoing “awareness training” and professional development directed toward this goal. The end-product for year one of three is the following:

As we continue to develop our cultural proficiency we commit to deepening our listening, thinking and language around multiple perspectives, experiences and identities.

4. Annual Report: The Annual Report covering the period from January 2015 through December 2016 is being submitted to the Town for publication in the Town of Canton Annual Report.
5. Donations: Superintendent Henderson publically acknowledged and thanked the following or their generous donations to the Canton Public Schools.
 - Lockheed Martin donation of \$1000.00 for the Robotics Program.
 - Exxon Mobil on Rte 138 for their donation of \$500.00 to our STEAM program for the fifth straight year.
 - The Canton Police Department for their donation of \$300.00 to re-establish the high school Chess Club.
 - \$100 -- J.L. Pratt Realtors to CHS Showcase event
 - \$100 -- Paul Dooley and MatchingDonors.org to CHS showcase event
 - CHS Blankets -- Draper Knitting donated its time and resources (in-kind) to develop a prototype of a CHS blanket that features the new logo. Draper works in conjunction with the Boosters Club, parent groups and the alumni association to sell these blankets for fundraisers.
6. Appreciation: Superintendent Henderson thanked Meredith Chamberland, the 6-12 Guidance Director, and her entire staff for a highly successful College Admissions Night. This year the Admissions Night was expanded to include a Mini College Fair featuring colleges and universities specializing in the arts, STEAM, military, educational programs for students with disabilities and historically black colleges and a College Admissions Panel including Worcester State University, Stonehill College and Xavier University, Meredith Chamberland and Cary O'Brien from Academic Approach.

The Superintendent thanked Kate Kelly, Canton High School English teacher, and Professional Development presenter of “Race, Gender and Sexuality: Talking about the Things We’re Afraid to Talk About”. Kate provided two Professional Development Trainings on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd PD, along with many of her students. The students conducted a “listening/observational” awareness activity and also shared letters and essays they had written.

Superintendent Henderson also congratulated the Canton High School Robotics Team who are advancing to the State Championships scheduled for 27 February 2016 at Natick High School.

7. Upcoming Events for your Calendars: Upcoming events include the following:

- CFED invites you to celebrate Black History Month on Wednesday, February 24th at 7PM in the Canton High School Distance Learning Lab. Come hear our keynote speaker discuss "Combating Xenophobia: The Affects of Cultural and Racial Stereotypes in the Media."
- The CAPE Spelling Bee is Friday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton High School Auditorium.
- The STEAM EXPO is Wednesday, March 16th is 4- 8:00 p.m. at the Canton High School.

F. Old Business:

1. Second Read of the Residency Policy: The School Committee conducted a second read of the residency policy. After discussion Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the changes made to the Residency Policy with the amendment of Paragraph E to state the following:

All students shall attend their neighborhood elementary school unless there is a space issue, bullying issue, necessary special needs education classroom, or any Superintendent determined compelling reason.

The motions was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

2. CHARMS Contract: One section of the CHARMS Collaborative contract was changed. Milton Public Schools has withdrawn from CHARM Collaborative. After brief discussion Kristin Mirliani motioned to sign the new CHARMS Collaborative Contract. The motion was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

G. New Business

1. School MCAS Summaries and School Improvement Plan Presentations: Jayne Moore, Interim Director for Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of each school's MCAS results. Ms. Moore discussed the levels at each school and gave a brief synopsis of the standings of each school before introducing the principals for each school. Each principal and the Early Childhood Coordinator reviewed their School Improvement Plans (one goal of which addresses MCAS or summarizing data). The individual School Improvement plans will be posted on the Canton Public Schools Website.

Reuki Schutt thanked the principals as well as the School Council parent, faculty and community members who contributed to the School Improvement Plans. She requested that each plan include a cover page and a list of all contributing members of the School Councils. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve all school improvement plans with the amendment of all school council members being listed in the report. Michael Loughran Seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

2. Out of State Travel: Junior State of America requested permission for an out of state trip to Washington, D.C. from the School Committee. The trip will be from February 26-28, 2016. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the out of state travel. The motion was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

3. Operating Budget: Postponed until February 25, 2016 meeting.

4. JFK Waiver: The JFK Elementary School CAPT has requested a waiver of custodial fees for their Winter Fling being held on February 6, 2016 at the JFK Elementary School. Mike Loughran motioned to approve the waiver. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion.

4 yeas 0 nays

5. Narcan Policy: The Narcan Administration Policy was introduced for a first read. The School Committee members will look over the policy and the policy will be available for a second read on January 25, 2016.

- H. Business Manager's Report: In Barry Nectow's absence Jennifer Henderson reported on the Hansen School addition and donation reports. This week they are pouring footings and foundation will be poured soon. The following donations were reported:

Canton Arts Council	\$4,650.00
Class of 2011	\$250
Lueders Environmental	\$50
MediTech	\$15,000

Ms. Henderson also explained the MSBA Statement of Interest and requested a vote. Michael Loughran motioned to Submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 4, 2016, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Canton, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 1, 2016 for the Lt. Peter M. Hansen Elementary School, 25 Pecunit Street, Canton, MA 02021, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority 5 – roof deficiency and failure causing water leaks and periphery damage, at times disrupting the delivery of programming to students; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The motion was seconded by Kristin Mirliani.

4 yeas 0 nays

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Robert Golledge – Absent.
2. CPC – Mike Loughran – No meetings scheduled.
3. BRC- John Bonnanzio – Hansen construction reported on in the Business Manager Report.
4. Wellness- Kristin Mirliani – Potential dates for combined Bullying prevention and Wellness meeting sent out.
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt – No updates.
6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio – No meetings scheduled
7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – Working on the Rodman Preschool tuition policy and NARCAN policy. The committee would like a report on how much the current Rodman Preschool tuition policy is costing the district. That information will be provided at the next meeting.
8. Superintendent Search – John Bonnanzio – A finalist has been chosen and will come in for a day in Canton with an interview to follow.

J. Future Business: Next Meeting Thursday, February 25, 2015

K. Other Business: None.

L. Adjournment: Kristin Mirliani motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Loughran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas

0 nays