

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of February 25, 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 –Robert Golledge 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.

Robert Golledge	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Kristin Mirliani	yea
Michael Loughran	yea

- B. Open Session convened at 7:05 PM.

Present are:

Robert Golledge  
Reuki Schutt  
Kristin Mirliani  
Michael Loughran  
John Bonnanzio (arrived during open session at 8:20)

Also Present:

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

- C. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated February 2, 2016 (Superintendent Search Committee). It was voted 4-0.  
4 yeas 0 nays
2. Approve Minutes dated February 4, 2016. It was voted 4-0.  
4 yeas 0 nays
3. Approve Minutes dated February 11, 2016 (Superintendent Search Committee). It was voted 4-0.  
4 yeas 0 nays
4. Approve Bill Schedule dated March 3, 2016. It was voted 4-0.  
4 yeas 0 nays

- D. Public Comments/Questions: Anthony Braconi proposed putting a lot in the land adjacent to the Hansen Elementary School to alleviate some of the parking problems at the school. He

also suggested leaving the old modular classes up for storage. Ellen Donovan asked for clarification on Chapter 70 explained by Barry Nectow

- E. Student Member Report: Student Member Michael Larson spoke of the events around the district. Highlights included the Galvin Middle School Musical "The Little Mermaid" on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and the Canton High School LipDub Premiere on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Reuki Schutt asked Michael what the students are considering with regard to the issue surrounding the colors of the Senior graduation gowns. Ms. Schutt asked Michael to keep the School Committee updated on the topic of the graduation gowns and how the students are feeling about the possible change in tradition.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Interim Superintendent, Jennifer Henderson, reported on the following:
1. John F. Kennedy Elementary School Principal Named: Ms. Christine McMahon, Interim Principal at the JFK since July 1, 2015 was named permanent JFK Elementary School principal. Faculty and families were notified on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The full announcement can be found on the Superintendent's blog.
  2. Neponset River Watershed Association Cooperative Project with Canton Public Schools: Nancy Fyler, Outreach Director for the Neponset River Watershed Association, in coordination with the Visual Arts Department, recently completed a water conservation poster project. Representative William Galvin invited the students and faculty from the Computer Art and Design classes to display their work and visit the State House. Additionally, the work produced was combined into a large poster, is being printed, and the posters will be sold as a fundraiser for a bottle refill station at the Canton High School. These will be available at the STEAM Expo. Ms. Henderson also acknowledged Nancy Fyler for her continued work with the upper elementary classes on the topic of water conservation.
  3. CFED Black History Month Event: The program planned by CFED for February 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Black History Month included keynote speaker Leonard Tshitenge, spoken word artist Didi Delgado and the Canton High School Chamber singers. The event drew a large and diverse audience including members of the Canton Police Department, Fire Department, Board of Selectmen, Canton Public Schools and many families.
  4. The Superintendent thanked the Canton Public Schools Custodial and Maintenance staff, under the supervision of Brian Lynch, Facilities Director for bringing the schools back to shining over the February break. She also thanked the Hansen CAPT for their generous donation. The cafeteria is now outfitted with a state of the art sound and projection system.
  5. Ms. Henderson gave a brief update on the Hansen Addition Project and provided pictures in her report. The superintendent also signed the school committee members up for the following events:  
  
Tuesday, May 17 -- Scholastic Honors Night, 7 p.m. – Kristen Mirliani  
  
Wed, May 25 -- Scholarship Night, 7 p.m. – Reuki Schutt

Friday, June 3 -- Graduation Ceremony, 6 p.m. – All School Committee Members will attend and Robert Golledge will most likely speak.

6. Other upcoming events include:

STEAM Expo - Wednesday, March 16 (4-8 PM), CHS Cafeteria - This we will also have dinner available in the CHS cafeteria

CAPE Spelling Bee – Friday, March 11 (6:00 PM), CHS Auditorium

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G. Old Business:

1. Elementary Rotations for Start Time: Written concerns on the topic of 2016-17 elementary school rotations were brought forth by residents Julie Beckham and Catherine Holberg. Chairman, Robert Golledge opened the floor during this agenda item to hear the opinions and concerns of the public. The following residents spoke:

Julie Beckham, 40 Kenney Street  
Catherine Hoberg, 3 Charles Drive  
Anthony Braconi, 1686 Washington Street  
Marie Shea, 440 York Street  
Keith McLean, 102 Walnut Street  
Joan D'Alto, 2072 Washington Street  
Michelle Wheeler, 38 Kinds Road  
Jeff Swanson, 115 Lawrence Street

Residents expressed concerns for the start time rotation including, time spent on the bus after school, extracurricular activity scheduling, work scheduling problems and lack of before and after care (in the JFK in particular). Some parents would also like to see all three elementary schools on the same bus tier. Barry Nectow explained the expense for adding the needed amount of buses to accomplish this.

After much discussion the School Committee did not make a change to their original vote. The rotation policy for elementary school start times will remain in place.

2. Second Read on Narcan Policy: Changes were brought forward for the Narcan Policy. The School Committee completed another first read on the new Narcan Policy. The policy will be voted on in the next School Committee Meeting on March 10, 2016.
3. Operating Budget: Barry Nectow continued discussion on the operating budget. He discussed Chapter 70 and the recent changes that have been made at the state level. He noted that the funding will probably be higher come the time we will receive it. Mr. Nectow also requested that any discussion on operating budget be put on the next agenda to be ready for the FinCom meeting on March

14<sup>th</sup>. It was asked that Jennifer Henderson provide further information on the Math items on the budget.

#### H. New Business

1. Goldin Award Recognition: Jayne Moore introduced the Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education, 2016 Goldin Award recipient, Kate Kelly. Jayne spoke of Ms. Kelly's achievements, classes and professional development course; *Race, Gender and Sexuality: Talking About What We're Afraid to Talk About*. Principal, Derek Folan commented on how proud he is to work alongside Kate. He also mentioned how engaged her students are and their willingness to drive discussion. Rebecca Ashley also congratulated Ms. Kelly and spoke of the courses they are expanding (Kate's class being co-taught and adding Social Media). Kate Kelly will formally be given her Goldin Award on April 6, 2016 at a ceremony at Canton High School open to the public.

Ms. Kelly spoke briefly of the student's achievement and introduced a few of her co-teachers or junior professors. She specifically thanked two students, Kenneth Dulcio and William Opara for being a driving force for the American Identities program.

2. Program of Studies: Derek Folan, CHS principal, presented the 2016-17 Canton High School Program of Studies overview. The High School Program of Studies will be available online. New courses offered in the 2016-17 include:
  - STEAM: Biotechnology, Earth Science, Independent Science Research, Creative Thinking Makerspace (Art)
  - Global Perspectives/Cultural Proficiency: ASL2, German 2, Co-Taught American Identities and Media & Society
  - Personalization: Symphonic Band (6 credits)/ Band (3 credits), Street Law
3. District Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year: Draft calendars were presented for consideration. One calendar included the religious holidays and the other did not. Chairman Robert Golledge proposed a letter to be sent to all religious leaders in the town to request their input on the subject of eliminating the religious holidays from the District Calendar. There were a few questions on the definition of an excused absence and what it would mean for the students if they were to be absent from school on those observed days. A few suggestions to changing the wording from the letter were made. The School Committee expressed support for Robert Golledge to send the letter to the religious leaders of the community. The finalized school calendar will need to be voted on in March or April.
4. Kindergarten Bus Fees: Mr. Nectow presented a proposal to introduce Kindergarten bus fees if the Free Full Day Kindergarten goes forward. After discussion Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the new bus fee contingent on the implementation on Free Full Day Kindergarten. John Bonnanzio seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

- I. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow reported on the Second Quarter Topline Report. Mr. Nectow reported on one major aspect of the report. He stated that the Special Education costs are rising but will level off throughout the rest of the year. Circuit breaker money will cover this rise. No other parts of the report are out of the ordinary for the year.

Mr. Nectow also gave an overview of the Hansen addition and construction that has started to complete a road around the High School by request of the Fire Department.

J. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Robert Golledge – No report
2. CPC – Mike Loughran – No report
3. BRC- John Bonnanzio – No report
4. Wellness- Kristin Mirliani – No report
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt – No report
6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio reported on the meeting he attended on February 25<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the use of some of the land for a new Administration to free up the space in the Rodman for classrooms. Other potential sites have been discussed and discussion of a full study of possible sites. Michael Loughran motioned to have Barry Nectow look into a building use study for long term (2 year, 5 year, 10 year) evaluation of the district buildings. The motion was seconded by Reuki Schutt. It was voted 4-1.

4 yeas 1 nays

7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – No report
8. CHARMS – Will be added to the sub-Committee Reports going forward and reported by Jennifer Henderson.

- K. Future Business: Next Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2016

- L. Other Business: None.

- M. Adjournment/Return to Executive Session: Reuki Schutt motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters, with no intentions of returning to open session. The motion was seconded by Kristin Mirliani. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays