

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 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 7:00 PM.

Present are:

Robert Golledge
Reuki Schutt
Kristin Mirliani
Michael Loughran
John Bonnanzio

Also Present:

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

B. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Executive Minutes dated February 4, 2016. It was voted 4-0-1.

4 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

2. Approve Minutes dated February 25, 2016. It was voted 4-0-1.

4 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

3. Approve Executive Minutes dated February 25, 2016. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

4. Approve Executive Minutes dated February 25, 2016 for public release. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

5. Approve Bill Schedule dated March 17, 2016. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

C. Public Comments/Questions: Steve MacPhearson expressed his willingness to help the efforts and get word out to parents and community for pressing issues that need support. Katherine Hoberg showed her support for the budget supporting social and emotional concerns for the children. Ms. Hoberg is also concerned about class sizes, space and growing community in the JFK district.

D. Student Member Report: Student Member Janet Johnson spoke of the events around the district. Highlights included the celebration of Read Across America Day at the Rodman Center, where children wore whacky clothing and accessories for the day. The Hansen also

celebrated Read Across America Day by coming to school dressed as their favorite character from a book.

Janet also reported that the Galvin Middle School held an informational night for parents with children transitioning to the High School next year. The parents were able to discuss concerns and ask questions with staff. In addition, the Luce Carnival was a success. The students participated in the usual carnival activities to raise money for Luce CAPT as well as collecting 6 boxes of non-perishable food for the Canton Food Pantry.

Janet also noted that AP exams are coming up and students at the high school are preparing for them. She also commented on the controversy surrounding school gowns this year. The students have not discussed this topic lately, but it seems as though the students would like the choice of which color they would like to wear.

E. Superintendent's Report: Interim Superintendent, Jennifer Henderson, reported on the following:

1. A Great Honor for our Canton High School Library: The Canton High School Library was featured as the *March Spotlight Library* on the **Mass School Library Association's** website! The superintendent congratulated the Library Media Specialist Joanne Teliszewski and Library Assistant Nancy Keyo.

In six years, the Canton High School Library has undergone dramatic changes. Physically, the library (previously the gymnasium before the school renovation in 2004), was weeded of nearly 6,000 print books and five large bookcases.

Inspired by Dartmouth High School's Hybrid Dewey organization, the CHS library just completed its reorganization by subject area. In addition, we have "genrefied" all of our Fiction books. As a result of our efforts, students are more successful in finding a book that meets their academic or personal needs. The circulation of our books, along with a renewed school emphasis on independent reading, has nearly doubled!

Librarian-Teacher collaboration has also significantly increased. Students are given mini informational literacy lessons when classroom teachers come to the library and last fall a new "Library Bootcamp" class was taught to freshmen. The CHS Library has become the district's center for Professional Development as we regularly host faculty, curriculum and mentor meetings and our space is frequently used by community groups and clubs in the evening.

The flexible space and furniture has enabled the library to be transformed into Ellis Island for a US History class and a crime scene for a Forensics class. The Library host classroom debates, poetry aloud events and listening lunches where our chorus, jazz and music technology classes perform for faculty and students. Last year we created a dedicated "makerspace" area and have chess, puzzles and coloring available to students and will be adding more makerspace activities in the future. Last year during World Languages Week, we hosted an African Drumming class and this year we will have Salsa Dancing!

Lastly, we have developed a wonderful, collaborative relationship with our Art Department. Our walls and space are adorned with CHS student art work. Drawings, sculpture, photography and coffee and end tables have been created by our talented students and can be seen throughout the space.

2. Winter Activity Highlights:

- The Canton High School Boys Hockey and Girls Basketball and were awarded the Hockomock League Sportsmanship Awards. CHS Wrestling Team received this same award in the Fall.
- Sebastian Melendez won the state championship in the 200 free style and 500 free style swimming events.
- The CHS Boys Hockey and Girls Swimming teams were League Champs.
- The CHS Boys Hockey team advanced to the South Sectional Semi-Finals against Scituate in Bourne.
- Mock Trial won both of its trials over the weekend and has advanced to the Elite 8. It was our first time competing in the Round of 32 at Clark University. The team beat Malden Catholic by 7 and St. John's Shrewsbury by 1. The Elite 8 competes next Monday, March 15 at the new courthouse in Worcester.
- Nino Ruggeri and Rigel Galgana are competing and performing at the MMEA (Mass Music Educators Association) All-States on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. This is the first time we have ever had students perform in this event.
- The Canton High School Character Crew nominated Nicole Poole for the YMCA Annual Core Values Award. Nicole was honored at the YMCA Leadership Conference this week. The nomination was read by Darria Goodwin. She credited Nicole for being the cornerstone of the Canton Character Crew and that she lived the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Daria acknowledged that there were many deserving candidates in our Canton Character Club as well as many in all the other schools who attended the conference. She felt the YMCA "got this one right!" To be nominated for The YMCA Annual Core Values Award suggests that you are one of the best; to win the award, as Nicole did, means you are the example!
- Canton Future Problem Solving has five teams and four individuals advancing to State Bowl. Susan Crespi and Sue Bronstein are the Future Problem Solving Program Co-Coordinator for Canton. The following teams have been invited to compete at State Bowl at Clark University in Worcester on Saturday, April 2:

JUNIOR DIVISION - TEAM

-Hansen Elementary School

Grade 5 - Coach: Lorna Martin

Isabella Cox

Erika Duffin

Abigail Martin

Grace Powers

-Galvin Middle School

Grade 6 - Coach: Michelle Lynch

Carolyn Clogher

Jordana Hersh

Emily Lynch

Grace Sweetland

MIDDLE DIVISION - TEAM

-Galvin Middle School

Grade 8 - Coaches: M. Lynch/J.

Prendergast

Arielle Galinsky

Katie Lynch

Lydia Prendergast

-Galvin Middle School

Grade 8 - Coach: Sameer Apte

Sohil Apte

Ali Kabbara

Anna Mak

David Walker

SENIOR DIVISION - TEAM

-Canton High School

Grade 11 - Coach: Jen Prendergast

Christine Lee

Meryl Prendergast

JUNIOR DIVISION - INDIVIDUAL

-Luce Elementary School

Grade 4 - Coach: Jenn Rhodes

John Flaherty

MIDDLE DIVISION - INDIVIDUAL

-Galvin Middle School
Grade 8 - Coach: Vijay Addanki
Anvitha Addanki

-Galvin Middle School
Grade 7 - Coach: Madhuri Valluri
Harshitha Valluri

-Galvin Middle School
Grade 7 - Coach: Janice Troy
Christopher Cummings

3. Upcoming Events:

- World Language Week. March 7-11. Visit the Canton Public Schools Website for information.
- CAPE SPELLING BEE: Friday, March 11th, the will begin at 6:00 p.m.in the Canton High School Auditorium. If you have never attended the Spelling Bee, it is an incredibly fun event for families
- 2016 STEAM Expo: Wednesday, March 16th, from 4- 8:00 p.m. When we last ran this EXPO, we had more than 1200 people attend. This year, so that you can stay as long as you'd like, we will also have dinner available in the CHS cafeteria.
- Artists in Bloom: March 12th and 13th at Pequitside, the CPS artists will be featured with several of their pieces interpreted by in flowers by the Canton Garden Club.

F. Old Business:

1. District Calendar for 2016-17 School Year: This item will be revisited on March 24th, where the calendar will be voted on and released to the public. Chairman, Robert Golledge will be following up on the letters (regarding religious holidays) that were sent to the religious leaders of the community with a phone call.
2. Second Read on Narcan Policy: Second read for the Narcan Policy is complete. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the Narcan Policy. Reuki Schutt seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0-1.

5 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

3. Operating Budget: Jennifer Henderson and Barry Nectow presented a detailed overview of the new proposed operating budget which explained the priorities and what the budgeted money would be intended for. After discussion Reuki Schutt motioned to accept the revised budget increase to 5.01% (totaling \$38,077,710) to be presented to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

Barry Nectow also discussed the funding for Full Day Kindergarten, including Chapter 70. The formula for funding has changed and will continue to change going forward. The new funding amounts will cause some adjustments to be discussed. The school committee has expressed their concern with class sizes and not wanting to increase the number of students per class.

4. Capital Planning Committee Follow up: Robert Golledge reviewed the final recommendations/questions for the Capital Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Golledge reported that the Capital Planning Committee recommended all requests. The recommendations are now with the CPC.

G. New Business

1. Performing Arts Request for Overnight Travel: Performing Arts Teacher, Darrell Whidden requested permission for students to attend the Seaport World Trade Center for a program on advanced studies in choral and orchestral music. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the overnight travel request. Michael Loughran seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Robodogs Request for Out of State Travel: Thomas Cahill and Andre Chmyrov presented the robot they have built over the course of the year. Their teacher Katie Healey requested permission for the Robodogs to attend the FTC Robotics East Super Regional Competition at the University of Scranton, PA campus from March 18-20, 2016. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the out of state travel. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

3. New Superintendent: Chairman, Robert Golledge made the official announcement that Dr. Jennifer Fisher-Meuller will be the new Superintendent of Canton Public Schools starting July 1, 2016. Mr. Golledge also thanked the current administration for all their hard work and dedication through the transition year.

- H. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow reported that the Hansen Construction Project is moving along. Mr. Nectow also reported on the donations as follows:

2/11/2016	Michael DeGloria	\$100	GMS football
2/11/2016	Dwight Seaman	\$4,751	GMS football
2/24/2016	MusicCounts!	\$3,000	Encore scholarships

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Robert Golledge – No report
2. CPC – Mike Loughran – Next meeting will be March 22 at Fincom
3. BRC- John Bonnanzio – No report
4. Wellness- Kristin Mirliani – Working on setting up a meeting
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt – No report
6. Building Use – No report
7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – Gender Identity Policy is being worked on.
7. CHARMS – Jennifer Henderson – More to report at the next meeting.

- J. Future Business: Next Meeting Thursday, March 24, 2016

- K. Other Business: None.

- L. Adjournment/Break 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

Approved by Canton School Committee
03-24-2016