

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2014
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call To Order – Cynthia Thomas calls the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Cynthia Thomas	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea (leaves at 8:30 PM)
Robert Golledge	yea

Also Present: Jeffrey Granatino, Superintendent of Schools
Ken Leon, School Business Administrator
Susan McGowan, Recording Secretary
Staff
Parents
Press

B. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated February 26, 2014. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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2. Approve Bill Schedule dated March 20, 2014. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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C. Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to Mr. Thomas, CHS Music Teacher and the Jazz Ensemble who earned a silver medal at a recent competition.
- Artist in Bloom – Collaboration between schools and the Canton Art Association was a great success.
- Met with BOS regarding tennis courts. Town has committed to \$80,000 towards the renovation of the tennis courts.
- National Honor Society, March 20th at 6 PM
- Amazing growth and access to AP offerings
- GMS Robotics Downstairs team showing great progress
- CHS Cheerleaders placed 3rd in the state and will seek permission to attend nationals in Orlando, FL
- Successful winter sports season
- CHS production of "Our Town" this w/e
- Reopened JFK Principal Search

E. Old Business

1. ECC Playground – Amy Delaney and Kyle O'Leary inform the committee they have raised about \$19,000 towards 6 new pieces of playground equipment and signage in honor of Susan Lipton. Motion to approve as submitted: It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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2. Policy Review – Section K is presented for a second read. It was voted to approve as amended: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

3. ATM Article Language –
TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND TO SUPPLEMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET DEFICIT

- **Article 24** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds such as the School Special Education Stabilization Fund, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for use by the School Committee to partially offset the special education deficit in the school department FY 14 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto

Board of Selectmen for the School Committee

It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

Break at 6:40 PM
Return at 6:50 PM

4. NEASC Follow Up – Derek Folan, Principal, Canton High School updates the committee on items addressed from NEASC Progress Report.
5. FY15 Budget – Ken Leon reviews FY15 Summary of revenues and Expenditures, New Finance Director Target Budget, SPED Comparison and Mandated Expenses.

F. New Business

1. School Business Administrator Interview – Postpone.
2. Cabot Fund – Will be presented at the April 3, 2014 meeting.
3. JSA Out of State Travel – Jeremy Comeau requests permission to travel to Stamford, CT April 5 and 6th with 26 students and 2 chaperons to attend the Junior Statesmen of America conference. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays
4. Out of Country Travel – Katey Swanson, K-12 Wellness Coordinator, seeks permission to travel to London and Paris from April 16, 2015 through April 22, 2015 with a group of Canton High School students. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays
5. Out of State Travel – Valerie Baker, CHS Cheerleading Coach, requests permission to travel to Orlando, FL with the CHS Cheerleaders to compete in Nationals after placing 3rd in the state. Ms. Baker presented a comprehensive itinerary proposal listing students, parents and coaches. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

6. CHS Program of Studies – Derek Folan, Principal, Canton High School, presents new class offerings as well as an increase of AP courses. Discussion regarding taking vs not requiring AP exams. Motion if a student takes an AP course they will be required to sit for the exam and if there is a financial hardship a financial waiver may be requested. It was voted: 3 - 1.

3 yeas 1 nay

Motion to approve Program of Studies as discussed and presented with adjustment. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

- G. Business Manager’s Report – Mr. Leon presents Transportation Coordinator suggested changes to our transportation policy. It was voted as presented: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays

H. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC – Next meeting in two weeks.
2. CPC – No update.
3. BRC – Mr. Leon reports receiving designs by mechanical engineers for CHS boiler and GMS and Hansen window replacement project.

- I. Future Business – Meet on March 20 at 5 PM – 5:55 PM prior to meeting with FinCom. Next meeting on April 3, 2014 will be public budget meeting.

- J. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. It was voted: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays