

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2016
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call to Order – Interim Superintendent, Jennifer Henderson calls meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present are:

John Bonnanzio
Kristin Mirliani
Michael Loughran
Meg Gannon

Also Present:

Jen Henderson, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Staff
Press

B. Reorganization – Interim Superintendent Jennifer Henderson immediately opened the floor for recommendations for School Committee Chair.

1. John Bonnanzio is nominated by Michael Loughran and Kristin Mirliani. Motion to appoint John Bonnanzio as new School Committee Chair. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

2. Michael Loughran is nominated by Kristin Mirliani and Meg Gannon for the position of Vice Chair. Motion to appoint Michael Loughran to Vice Chair. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

3. Kristin Mirliani is nominated for the position of Secretary by Michael Loughran and Meg Gannon. Motion to appoint Kristin Mirliani to Secretary. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

C. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated March 24, 2016. It was voted 3-0-1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

2. Approve Executive Minutes dated March 24, 2016. It was voted 3-0-1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

3. Approve Executive Minutes dated March 24, 2016 for public release. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

4. Approve Bill Schedule dated April 14, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

D. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments

E. Student Member Report: Student Member Janet Johnson spoke of the events around the district. The Luce is currently holding spring concerts and the Hansen recently wrapped up their morning BOK program where the students are encouraged to exercise and have fun before school twice a week. In addition, the JFK participated in the *Pennies for Patients Campaign* and raised \$1,074.53 to benefit Blood Cancer Research. Award winning storyteller, Andrea Lovett visited the Galvin Middle School as well. Janet also updated the committee on the High School graduation gown. Mr. Folan and Janet presented the green gown with white stole complete with the new Canton High School logo. The students will also be allowed to decorate their caps.

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

1. Donations: The following donations were made to the Canton High School Robotics program so that the Robodogs could attend the Regional tournament in Scranton, PA. Mrs. Henderson thanked the following for their generous support.

Raytheon -- \$2500
McPress Screen Printing -- \$500
Ed Lennon -- \$500
Gala Carpet Services -- \$500
James Cahill -- \$500
Accurounds -- \$250
Donna Lennon -- \$100

2. The Canton High School Math Team won states and will now compete in the New England Math Teams tournaments. Congrats to Marty Badoian and Jessica Duggan and the Math Team members!
3. A Year of Firsts: Another FIRST for Canton High School. CHS senior Vidya Madineedi received the 2016 South Region National Honor Society Student of the Year. She was one of four students recognized in the state for outstanding scholarship, leadership, character, service. Vidya is a tremendous student at CHS, a leader with great integrity, and she recently took the lead in coordinating the Sole Hope project for CHS, which was the state-wide community service project. Students collected denim jeans and cut them in patterns, which are then assembled as shoes for children in Uganda.
4. More Firsts:
 - Hansen – Girls on the Fun Run (Fall and Spring program) will be competing in a 5K.
 - GMS – running a volunteer group of 40 students that focuses on community service projects and give up their lunch to meet. Doing projects with Canton seniors.
 - JFK Student Council in grades 4 and 5 have been “given a voice” and are suggesting and running their own events – mini-government training.

- Luce - Wicked Cool Science in Third Grade – students meet after school and conduct experiments all over the school.
- Rodman Early Childhood Center - Now running highly productive data meetings on their students where each student is a focus and discussed by all members of the team.

5. **Massachusetts Future Problem Solvers** has announced the results for our teams that competed in the Future Problem Solving Problem. Those advancing to the International Competition will be headed to Michigan State University on June 1st.

The Community Problem Solving results are as follows:

Senior Division - 1st Place - Advancing to International Competition

Canton High School - Grade 11
Coach Renee Hansom
Team Members:
Sean Hanscom
Christine Lee
Dasol Lee
Meryl Prendergast

Middle Division - 1st Place - Advancing to International Competition

Galvin Middle School - Grade 7
Coach: Susan Crespi
Team Members:
Valerie Casimir
Olivia Chinsen
Jackie Morrissey
Elizabeth Truong

Middle Division - 2nd Place - Under Consideration by FPSPI for Advancing to International Competition

Galvin Middle School - Grade 8
Coach: Vijay Addanki
Team Members:
Anvitha Addanki
Shourik Choudhury - CHS - 9th Grade
Abinaya Gargy
Justin Luk
Harshitha Valluri - GMS - Grade 7
Samuel Walter
Tiffany Ye

Middle Division - 3rd Place

Galvin Middle School - Grade 7
Coach: Meg Kelley
Team Members:
Bella Botelho
Mary Kelley
Carly LaFrance - Grade 6
Emily Kelley - Grade 5 - Hansen Elementary

The Scenario Writing results are as follows:

Middle Division - 1st Place - Advancing to International Competition

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

The State Bowl Global Issues Problem Solving results are as follows:

Senior Division - 3rd Place

Canton High School - Grade 11
Coach : Jen Pendergast
Team Members:
Christine Lee
Meryl Prendergast

The State Bowl Action Plan Presentation results are as follows:

Senior Division - 3rd Place

Canton High School - Grade 11
Coach - Jen Pendergast
Team Members:

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Christine Lee
Meryl Prendergast

Galvin Middle School - Grade 8
Arielle Galinsky
Katie Lynch
Lydia Prendergast

Middle Division - 2nd Place

6. **Appointment of New Pre-K to 12 World Language Coordinator:** Mrs. Henderson read the following announcement that was posted to all school conferences:
I am pleased to announce the appointment of Heidi Olson as the Pre-K to 12 World Language Coordinator for the 2016-17 school year. Ms. Olson will begin this position on August 31, 2016.

Ms. Olson received a Master in Arts in Educational Leadership from Framingham State College in 2013 and completed some of her Masters coursework at La Universidad de Salamanca in Spain. She received her teaching certification from Bridgewater State College after completing her Bachelor of Arts in English from Haverford College. She also participated in an exchange program with La Universidad De Costa Rica in 1991.

Heidi has been a Spanish teacher and World Language Coordinator for grades 9-12 in Canton since 2013. As the World Language Coordinator for Canton High School, she has supervised 10 world language teachers, assisted Principal Derek Folan in the hiring of two employees, and has chaired two world language search committees to hire an additional eight language teachers. Heidi presented to the Canton School Committee in 2014, highlighting that an interdisciplinary K-12 World Language program would prepare students for college and careers in a global community. She also advocated for the inclusion of American Sign Language into the curriculum in 2014-15, a course now incredibly popular with the students.

Heidi has worked in education for over 20 years and has continued to grow in her leadership capacity. Her experience in teaching at all levels, and leadership role at the high school level has prepared her for the challenges in designing the World Language program for our district. I feel that Heidi will be the perfect professional to continue to expand the World Language program in Canton.

7. **Galvin Middle School Solar Car Teams:** GMS will be sending 6 teams (half are females and we are trying to encourage more females in the STEAM careers) to Junior Solar Sprint Competition on May 21st at Belmont High School. There will be 20-30 teams competing against our teams.
8. **Opioid Legislation:** The Superintendent reviewed the new **Opioid Legislation** and its impact on our district. Signed by Governor Baker on March 14, 2016. Educationally Pertinent Provisions include:
- Verbal screening of students for substance abuse.
 - Drivers Ed will include a module of the science related to addition and addictive substances.
 - Each school will have a policy on substance abuse prevention and education.
 - Good faith effort to administer Narcan

9. **MSBA site visit to Hansen:** Barry Nectow, Business Manager, submitted a request for MSBA Accelerated Repair Program funding for the Hansen roof repair. While this proposal was not acted upon during the 2014-15 school year by the MSBA, upon resubmission in 2016, the MSBA has pulled the project to be evaluated. An initial visit to Hansen by the MSBA will take place on April 14th at 9:30 a.m.

10. Trip to Germany: Due to the recent events in Europe, Elsa Nicolovius and Johanna Haver met with parents regarding some minor changes to the travel itinerary. There will be 12 high school students attending the trip.

10. **Training for New School Committee Members** (or those who have not attended training). Due to member district responses, TEC will be holding a New School Committee Member Training in June to help onboard your new members. Due to your election cycles, we have penciled in Saturday, June 25 with an alternative option of an evening workshop June 20-23 (Monday-Thursday) if that were more convenient. Meg Gannon will attend and stated that she preferred a weekday.
11. **Invitation to the Memorial for Kaleigh Kenyon** –The School Committee was invited to the Kaleigh Kenyon Memorial on May 13th at 4:00 p.m.

G. Old Business:

1. **Follow up to the Previous Presentation of the Youth Risk Survey:** Deb Bromfield, Director for Students Services, Katey Swanson, Wellness Coordinator, Meredith Chamberland, Director of Guidance and Kim Clark Connor, Nurse leader returned to present plans put in place and the final recommendations being made following the Youth Risk Survey. Ms. Clark-Connor updated the Committee on follow up to the new Opiate Legislation. Ms. Swanson explained the programs in place for social and emotional support at all grade levels. This team has come up with recommendations including:
 - More time collecting data from surveys and possibly finding other opportunities to survey students and parents
 - More time to analyze the effectiveness of programs in place
 - Needs assessment for additional programming, including social emotional learning at all grade levels
 - Recommendations for professional development along social emotional learning
 - Continue presentations and school assemblies (understanding the effects may be short lived)

Ms. Bromfield, Ms. Swanson, Ms. Chamberland, and Ms. Clark-Connor are continuing to meet on a regular basis and will keep the committee updated on the social emotional aspect of student life. The district will also have a choice to participate in this survey every two years.

2. **2016-17 District Calendar:** Superintendent Henderson presented the final 2016-17 District Calendar for approval. After reviewing the final draft, Michael Loughran motioned to approve the 2016-2017 District Calendar. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0.

H. New Business:

1. First Read of Two Policies: Superintendent Henderson and School Committee Member Kristin Mirliani presented the Bomb Threat Policy and the Pre-School Reduced Tuition for Town Employee Policy for first reads. A second read and request for a vote on these policies will be made at the April 28, 2016 meeting.
2. Public Hearing on the Canton School District Budget: Superintendent Henderson provided an overview of the 2016-17 District Budget. Ms. Henderson and Mr. Nectow reviewed the vision, care values and strategic goals of the district. The \$38,077,701 is a 5.01% increase over last year's budget.

Staff enhancement would include:

- 1.8 FTE CHS Classroom Teachers
 - 1.0 FTE CHS Home School Interventionist
 - 0.6 FTE GMS Classroom Teachers
 - 1.0 FTE GMS Guidance Counselor
 - 1.4 FTE Elementary Technology Teachers
 - 1.0 District-Wide Nurse
 - 1.4 FTE Instructional Curriculum Coaches
 - 1.0 FTE Elementary Educational Assistant
 - 1.0 Rodman Building Administrative Assistant
 - 0.5 CHS Athletic Trainer
- 10.7 FTE Total

The FY17 Budget Requests that will be addressed will be:

- Expansion of CHS courses STEAM and World Language
- Addressing class size issues at CHS and providing program alternatives to "studies" at GMS
- Addressing support for social and emotional learning needs
- Curriculum and instructional coaches
- Addressing materials, equipment and professional development needs
- Adding administrative support for the state mandated legal and human resource requirements

Mr. Nectow also gave a brief overview of the Cash Capital Requests and Long Term Debt Capital Requests for FY17. The full PowerPoint presentation is available on the District School Committee webpage.

There were no questions from the public regarding the budget as presented by Superintendent Henderson.

3. Cabot Trust: Superintendent Henderson presented her recommendations for the Cabot Trust recipients. The following organizations were recommended:

	FY 15	FY 16	Recommend
Canton Youth Basketball		\$1,000	\$1,000
Canton Recreation-Pequitside Day Camp	\$2,280	\$3,000	\$3,000
Canton Recreation-M.E.A.N. Girls*		\$800	\$800

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CFA-Pop Warner-Football & Cheerleading	\$1,900	\$1,000	\$1,000
BSA Cub Scouts Pack 77	\$380	\$500	\$500
Canton Youth Soccer Assoc.	\$380	\$500	\$500
Canton Youth Hockey Assoc.	\$760	\$1,000	\$1,000
CHS Athletics	\$570	\$570	\$570
Dean S. Luce CAPT Fun Run	\$684	\$800	\$800
Hansen CAPT Fitness Program		\$594	\$594
JFK CAPT-Playground		\$1,052	\$1,052
Canton American Legion Baseball	\$342	\$342	\$342
TOTALS	\$11,040	\$11,158	\$11,158

After review Michael motioned to appropriate the Cabot Funds as recommended by the Ms. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Kristin Mirliani. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

- I. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow provided an update on the Hansen Addition project. The roof is complete and the external masonry is almost done. The windows are also being worked on. The connection hallway between the existing building and the new building will be worked on over the April vacation, while the students are not in school.

Mr. Nectow also announced that the Pay and Ride application will be sent out soon. The deadline for the bus applications is May 27, 2016. The applications will be accepted after May 27, 2016 until June 17, 2016 with a late fee. If you do not return your application by June 17, the student will not be put on a bus until October 1, 2016.

J. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Jennifer Henderson – The Harriet Goldman award was presented to Kate Kelly. Ms. Henderson reported that it was a very moving ceremony with teachers from many of the TEC districts receiving awards. Our district is very proud of the work Ms. Kelly has done and all she has accomplished.
2. CPC – Mike Loughran – Nothing to report.
3. BRC- John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report.
4. Wellness- Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report.
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt – Nothing to report.
6. Building Use – Nothing to report.
7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – No additional report.
7. CHARMS – Jennifer Henderson – Nothing to report.
8. Town Administrator Committee – Michael Loughran – Nothing to report.

K. Future Business: Next Meeting Thursday, April 28, 2016

L. Other Business: None.

M. Adjournment: Michael Loughran motioned to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual obligations with no intent to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Kristin Mirliani. It was voted by roll call.

John Bonnanzio

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