

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of June 11, 2015
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Golledge calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present are Robert Golledge, Mike Loughran, Rueki Schutt and John Bonanzio; Kristen Mirliani (Late).
- B. Executive Session – Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters; voted by roll call: 5 – 0

Robert Golledge – yea
Kristin Mirliani – yea
Mike Loughran – yea
Reuki Schutt – yea
John Bonanzio - yea

C. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated May 21, 2015. It was voted 4 – 0 – 1
4 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain
2. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated April 30, 2015. HOLD
3. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated April 30, 2015 for public release.
HOLD
4. Approve Bill Schedule dated June 4, 2015. It was voted 5 – 0.
5 yeas 0 nay
5. Approve Bill Schedule dated June 18, 2015. It was voted 5 – 0.
5 yeas 0 nay

D. Public Comments – No public comments at this time.

E. Student Member – No student member this week.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Granatino reported on a few important events happening in the district. He officially welcomed Jennifer Henderson into the Assistant Superintendent Role and wished her well in the Interim Superintendent Role. Mr. Granatino also welcomed Jayne Moore into the Director of Curriculum and Instruction role. He is also working to fill the many open positions in the district.

G. Old Business

FY 16 Operational Budget – Barry Nectow gave a brief overview of the progression the committee has made on the FY16 budget. The members looked at possibilities that may exist within the operating budget to bring the start time change that had been worked on throughout the year. It was noted that any money from the FY16 budget that went towards buses required for start time change would be coming from money that could possibly go toward adding teachers to address the class size concerns. Many opinions and information was presented by the public and School Committee members with regard to class size and start time. After much discussion, John Bonanzio proposed a motion for the Business Manager to make contractual arrangements to allow Canton High School start time to be amended as proposed by the School Committee and changed the Canton Public School System to a three tier bus schedule. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

By doing so, the district will now move to three tiers of transportation instead of the four tiers we currently utilize. This allows the district to move to a later start time at the secondary level and will combine the CHS and GMS on the same tier.

Starting on September 1, 2015, the district will operate with the following start times.

Tier 1- 7:50- 2:10- GMS
8:00- 2:24- CHS

Tier 2- 8:35-2:50
JFK Elementary
Hansen Elementary

Tier 3- 9:05-3:20
Luce Elementary (St. John's students ride on this tier as well)

In addition, the School Committee had previously voted to start rotating the elementary tiers starting in the 2016-17 school year. That plan is still in place and will not be impacted by the change in start times.

H. New Business

1. Out of State Travel- Susan Crespi requested permission for the Future Problem Solvers to travel overnight to Future Problem Solving International in Ames, Iowa. They will be leaving by plane at 9:00AM on June 10th, 2015 and will return on June 14, 2015 at approximately 7:00PM. It was voted 5 – 0.

5 yeas 0 nay

2. CHS Math Team- The Committee welcomed the coaches and members of the CHS Math Team to recognize them for their tremendous efforts this year. The Math Team are Massachusetts and New England Champions. Math Teach Coach, Martin Badoian had many wonderful things to say of his students,

commending them for how hard working, dedicated and intelligent they all are. Two of the junior student team captains spoke about what it is like to be a Mathlete. Both spoke in praise of Mr. Badoian and Mr. Curry's leadership and coaching skills. They thanked them both for helping them reach their goals and mathematical potential. The Math Team has always been a very talented group. Congratulations to the Math Team on an excellent year.

3. Handbook discussion- Due to time, this topic will be held for discussion until the July 30, 2015 meeting.
4. MA State Curriculum Framework Discussion- The Committee welcomed members of the community to come forth to share their thoughts/concerns on the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework. Several spoke of their feelings about the Common Core and the difficulties their children are having with the program. In addition, they also expressed their concern toward the PARCC exam and what it would mean for their children. Many spoke of the need to stay the course with the current MCAS exams. The parents asked The School Committee to take a stand and make a bigger commitment to collect information before decisions are made in November by the DESE. The Committee supports and thanks the parents for coming out to speak about the Common Core and PARCC.
5. Request of Avon Public Schools- The Committee discussed the request from the Town of Avon asking nearby districts of their interest to create a regional school district. Motion to not move forward with the town of Avon's request to establish a regional school district. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

6. Older Books – Request to make obsolete old books to donate to be donated or discarded. Motion to approve donation or discarding of books dated between 1954-1999. It was voted 5-0

5 yeas 0 nay

- J. Business Manager's Report – Barry Nectow encouraged parents to register their students for the buses as soon as possible. He also went over the "Top Line" report. The top line is to review the budget. Barry reports that we are about \$321,000 over where they have predicted. Circuit breaker will be used to cover the deficit. Barry stated the budget numbers change daily, but at this point in time Canton Public Schools is in a good place.

K. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Nothing to report
2. CPC – Nothing to report
3. BRC- Nothing to report
4. Wellness- Nothing to report
5. Finance- Nothing to report
6. Discussion to implement a committee member for Building Use Committee. Motion to assign John Bonnanzio to the BUC subcommittee. It was voted 4 – 0 – 1.

4 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain

L. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, July 30, 2015

1. Handbook of dress code
2. RFP in August

M. Other Business

N. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 10:00PM. It was voted 4 – 0

4 yeas 0 nay