

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of July 28, 2016
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

The back-up support documents for each agenda item are arranged in the order listed below.

A. Open Session called to order by Michael Loughran @ 7:00 PM.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Reuki Schutt
Michael Loughran
Meg Gannon (arrived at 7:30)

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent of Schools
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Barry Nectow, Business Manager (arrived at 7:30)
Community Members
Press

B. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve Minutes dated July 18, 2016, as amended. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

2. Approve Bill Schedule dated August 4, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

C. Student Member Report: No student member due to summer vacation.

- D. Public Comments/Questions: One parent had some questions to clarify the enrollment numbers at the Hansen and expressed concerns for the teacher to student ratio. Jennifer Henderson clarified the numbers for the committee and the parents.

E. Superintendent Report: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided an update on a variety of matters including:

1. Superintendent's Activities - Dr. Fischer-Mueller attended the Canton Public Schools Summer Management Retreat on July 6,7, and 11. The three day retreat focused on assessing last year's progress toward district goals and served as an introduction of the new superintendent to the administrative staff. Dr. Fischer-Mueller also attended a program put on by Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Executive Institute called *Ready to Learn: Meeting the Social-Emotional Needs of Today's Diverse Learner*, which provided an update on a variety of active issues and gives superintendents the opportunity to present the work of their district. In addition, the Superintendent attended The MASS New Superintendents Induction Program which is for first time superintendents. At this meeting Dr. Fischer-Mueller met her coach, Karla Baehr. Dr. Fischer-Mueller also attended the July 18th CAASA meeting and was able to introduce herself to the CHARM executive director, Rosalie O'Connell at the CHARMS Luncheon. Dr. Fisher-Mueller will be following up to see if a School Committee member will be able to be on the CAASA committee, per the request of Reuki Schutt.

2. Indications of Excellence: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported on the NAEYC accreditation of the Rodman Preschool Program. The superintendent congratulated Donna Kilday, early childhood coordinator, and the staff.
3. Facilities: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that Canton Public Schools has been selected to receive a grant for drinking water testing and monitoring. The program will start with a kick-off meeting in August. Dr. Fisher-Mueller also reported on the Hansen Addition Project, stating that she and the School Committee were able to walk through and see quality space being created.
4. Professional Hiring: Principals and Central Office Staff are interviewing candidates. At this time, Canton Public Schools has hired 29 professionals, with 6 spots left to fill. Dr. Fisher-Mueller also announced the appointment of Juliane Shore to the position of Dean of Students.
5. Registration: Dr. Fisher Mueller reported that there are currently 86 new students registered for Canton Public Schools, 25 of which are new Kindergarten students. The budget had prepared for this and as a result has opened up an additional classroom in the Hansen Elementary School.

6. Upcoming Events:

New Educator Orientation:

- August 24th, 8:00AM - 8:30AM - School Committee Chairman, John Bonnanzio is introduced. School Committee Members are welcome to attend.
- Aug 25th, 11:45 - 12:45 - School Committee members are encouraged to attend.

F. Old Business:

1. District Physician: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller proposed a retainer model for the District Physician position that would be based on a per diem rate for up to two physicians. The School Committee supported moving forward with the retainer model. Further information and model will be available at a later time.

G. New Business

1. Facilities Assessment and Master Plan: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided the draft Facilities Assessment and Master Plan for the district. After discussion the School Committee gave their support with moving forward with this plan. More information and will follow.

- H. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow, business manager, reported the results from the FinCom meeting. FinCom has approved the reserve funds transfer request in the amount of \$65,000 to pay the feasibility study for the Hansen Roof Project. Mr. Nectow also reported that the turf field will be replaced following the last football game of the season, and the track will be replaced following the 2017 Graduation. In addition, Mr. Nectow reported that the bus routes should be published at the end of August.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller/John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
2. CPC – Reuki Schutt - Ms. Schutt reported that she was welcomed as the new representative to the CPC.
3. BRC- Michael Loughran
4. Wellness- Meg Gannon
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon

- 6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio
- 7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani

J. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2016

K. Other Business – No other business.

L. Adjournment – Kristin Mirliani motioned to adjourn at 7:45. It was seconded by Reuki Schutt. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay