

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of July 31, 2013
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call To Order – Cindy Thomas calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Vote by roll call: 4 – 0.

Cynthia Thomas	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea
Robert Golledge	yea

- B. Open Session called to order by Cindy Thomas at 7:05 PM

Present: Cynthia Thomas
Reuki Schutt
John Bonnanzio
Robert Golledge

Also Present: Jeffrey Granatino, Superintendent of Schools
Staff
Press

- C. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve minutes dated June 13, 2013. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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2. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes dated June 13, 2013. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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3. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes for Public Release holding # 1 and # 4. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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4. Motion to approved Bill Schedules dated June 27, 2013, July 3, 2013, July 11, 2013, July 18, 2013 (FY13) and July 18, 2013 (FY14). It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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- E. Superintendent's Report

- CHS awarded an honorary degree to Mr. Karas, Korean War veteran in a moving ceremony at CHS.
- Mr. Granatino commends staff and students attending school through June 28th despite the discomfort of the heat and the last date.
- Custodians have done a remarkable job this summer, the buildings look fantastic.
- Lighting at GMS is currently being addressed.
- Tour of school facilities has been requested with a suggestion to invite the BOS, Fincom and CPC.
- New teacher orientation on 8/21/ & 8/22.
- Residency recertification process is underway. GMS has 22 families that need to complete paperwork. This is a lower number than last year. CHS residency recertification is underway and an update will be provided at the 8/22 meeting.
- We will be the recipient of table that another district no longer want, that will be great cafeteria tables for our needs.

- St. Gerard's Kids Camp will need a new home for next summer due to construction project at the GMS and the Hansen. Working collaboratively to support this.

F. Old Business

1. NEASC Update – Special report due in February 2014 around 10 highlighted recommendations. Examples: Library open before, during and after school hours. Done.
 - School-wide rubrics to MEASC standards. Follow up committee is working on this.
 - Tennis court demerit needs to be addressed by the community and the school committee.
 - Must have a 2 year report, due on October 1, 2014 with issues to be improved upon and Mr. Folan can already see improvements here.
2. Activity Fees – Need to add wind ensemble and chamber orchestra as these are both afterschool activities. Sarah Collmer concerned about Tri-M, which is analogous to NHS, so no fee should be charged. Need to balance the finances with the need to encourage students to be involved. Suggestion that we should have comprehensive reviews of what is offered; keep an ongoing list and have a formal process for dissolving and creating clubs. Motion to adopt schedule as amended. It was voted: 4 – 0.
3. Policy Review – Postpone until 8/22/13.

4 yeas 0 nays

G. New Business

1. Community Report – Helena Findlan, Deputy Chief Canton Police reports on summer activities at Open Gym on Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 – 9 PM. This joint school/police program ran for 4 sessions with approximately 30 students, police officers, Heather Sullivan and Mr. Fabian. A turf night attracted 130 students. This endeavor was funded by Rodman Ford. Police/school felt this program was very successful and will work to tweak for next year.
2. CHS Updates – Mr. Folan announces bullying presentation, “Rachel’s Challenge” to the entire student body during the day and the evening for parents on October 9th.

Mr. Folan plans an event to showcase and promote Canton High School to the public and the middle school families. There will be tables for all activities, clubs, athletics and groups to learn what we offer for these programs.
3. Disposal of Textbooks – Erica Fitzgerald, CHS Department Coordinator, requests permission to dispose of or sell for credit a number of outdated or not being used chemistry textbooks. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays
4. School Building Study Committee – Mr. Bonnanzio reports over 20 interested candidates with great expertise and knowledge came forward to volunteer for this committee. Mr. Hines selected and as Town Moderator will appoint Jan Chamberlain, Luke Grady, Stacy Chambers, Jon Arata, John Bonnanzio, John Connolly, Ken Leon with John Bonnanzio as chair.
5. Superintendent’s Evaluation – Mr. Granatino has begun his self-evaluation process which will be distributed to school committee for assessment. Based upon his goals and rubrics, identified since last year. Each member will be asked to

evaluate which will be compiled and prepared for public discussion in September. Mrs. Thomas will determine which tool to use and distribute when ready.

H. Business Manager's Report – No report.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC – Meeting in August, Mrs. Thomas will attend.
2. CPC – Committee has developed application materials and guidance (tennis courts).
3. Policy - Continue to progress whenever possible.
4. BRC – No update.
5. Wellness – No report.

J. Future Business – Next meeting August 22 and then on September 12, 2013

K. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM to go into Executive Session for reasons of potential litigation and collective bargaining issue. It was voted by roll call: 4 – 0.

Cynthia Thomas	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea
Robert Golledge	yea