

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2013
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call To Order – Cindy Thomas calls meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Cynthia Thomas
Reuki Schutt
John Bonnanzio
Robert Golledge (arr. 7:33)

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

B. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve Minutes dated September 12, 2013. It was voted: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays

2. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes dated September 12, 2013. It was voted by roll call: 3 0.

Cynthia Thomas yea
Reuki Schutt yea
John Bonnanzio yea

3. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes dated September 12, 2013 for public release holding #2. It was voted by roll call: 3 – 0.

Cynthia Thomas yea
Reuki Schutt yea
John Bonnanzio yea

4. Motion to approve Bill Schedule dated October 17, 2013. It was voted: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays

C. Student Member Report – Kaitlyn Feeney, co-student representative, reports on student activities and events throughout the district.

D. Superintendent's Report

- *Start Time Committee* – There was a brief overview of some of the steps taken last year by the Start Time Committee. It was announced that prior to any final presentation to the SC there would be some type of parent forum held so that they could hear about the work done by the Start Time Committee and have a chance to offer their thoughts on possible options.

- *Focus Groups*- There was another reminder that School Climate Focus Groups were originally planned for the spring, will take place on October 28, 30 and

November 4. Teachers & staff, along with parents, students and community representatives will have a chance to share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of matters related to school climate and student/parent accessibility to district programs with trained consultants. The idea of going forward with the focus groups came from the recently completed Coordinated Program Review (CPR).

E. Old Business

1. Policy Review – Revisions to Section J of the School Committee Policy manual will be presented for a first reading (JA-JIC). Hold

F. New Business

1. Canton Cable – Ed McDonough, Canton Cable representatives and TV Production students Mia Tess and Matt Chamberlain give an enthusiastic presentation of the longstanding relationship between Canton Cable and Canton High School as well as all of the state of the art equipment in the CHS TV Production studio, either donated or funded by Canton Cable.
2. Community Preservation Act – George Comeau, CPA Committee Member, gives an indepth review of the Act and what is involved with securing funds for townwide projects. The School Committee members will answer CCP questionnaire, compile answers and submit to the CPA Committee for information.
3. School Improvement Plans – Mr. Folan reviews 2012-2013 school improvement plan accomplishments and presents 2013-2014 school improvement plan highlighting three goals for this school year: All CHS faculty will engage in one of the following monthly Professional Learning Communities – differentiated instruction, formative assessment or instructional technology – for the purpose of improving instructional practices, as evidenced by observations, presentations and surveys; created and/or reconfigure two(2) standards-based units with common summative assessments which will be analyzed to determine levels of student achievement and to ensure that the consistency in instructional and assessment practices in like subject areas is positively impacting students learning and growth; and engage in NEASC follow-up committee and team work to address the recommendations and meet the expectations highlighted in NEASC decennial and commission report for Canton High School
Dr. Conard highlights the three GMS goals: GMS educators will participate in the established Curriculum Mapping Professional Learning Community for the purposes of enhancing instruction and assessment, and increasing the achievement for all students; Goal Two: All GMS educators will create and/or reconfigure two(2) standards-based units with common summative assessments which will be analyzed to determine levels of student achievement and ensure that the consistency in instructional and assessment practices in like subject areas is positively impacting student learning and growth; Three: Will increase the connections between students, staff and families at GMS, with an emphasis on communication. Dr. Conard highlighted the importance of increasing parent communication in the hopes of increased parental involvement, the new breakfast program and the start of a Student Advisory Council to meet with the Principal and Assistant Principal and report back to the student body.

4. Finalization of CHS Project – The BRC' has voted to return ownership of Canton High back to the school department upon final completion of matters related to the high school construction project and the school committee needs a vote to accept. Moved: That the School Committee voted to accept the Canton High School renovation project for "school purposes" in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and MA School Building Authority regulations. It was voted: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays

5. CHS Tennis Court Proposal – Discussion regarding renovation versus relocation of tennis courts. School Committee endorses renovation of the existing tennis courts. Will explore the possibility of lighting the courts.

- G. Business Manager's Report – Mr. Leon has distributed the Capital Plan 2015. Due to Superintendent November 1st and to the School Committee December 1st.

- H. Sub-Committee Reports –

1. Policy – Reuki Schutt reports meeting with NESDEC last week to review first part of Section J.

- I. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM. It was voted: 3 – 0.

3 yeas 0 nays