

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2014
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call To Order – Robert Golledge calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters it was voted by roll call: 3 – 0

Robert Golledge	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Michael Loughran	yea
Cynthia Thomas	(arr. 6:32)

- B. Open Session convened at 7:10 PM

Present: Cynthia Thomas
Robert Golledge
Reuki Schutt
Michael Loughran

Also Present: Jeffrey Granatino Superintendent of Schools
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Susan McGowan, Recording Secretary
Parents
Staff
Press

Cynthia Thomas, along with the School Committee and Superintendent present Susan McGowan, AA to the Superintendent and School Committee Recording Secretary, with flowers, a plaque and well wishes for her retirement after 16 years of service to the Canton Public Schools.

- C. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated November 20, 2014. It was voted to approve minutes as amended: 3 – 0 – 1.

3	yeas	0	nays	1	abstain
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2. Approve Minutes dated December 4, 2014. It was voted to approve minutes as amended: 3 – 0 – 1.

3	yeas	0	nays	1	abstain
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3. Approve Bill Schedule dated June December 24, 2014. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4	yeas	0	nays
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- D. Public Comments – Ellen Donovan, inquires about follow-up regarding educating parents on common core practices. Mr. Granatino reports the district is planning additional common core parent informational nights to assimilate parents to changes that have occurred.

- E. Student Member – No Report.

F. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Granatino reports

- Fantastic Performing Arts holiday concert on Tuesday
- Canton's Special Olympics winter basketball program is underway
- 2nd year working with the Board of Health regarding smoking survey at the middle school and high school. E cigarettes have been added to survey

G. Old Business

1. Capital Budget Discussion – Derek Folan, CHS Principal, presents reasoning for World Language Lab computers replacement. Inconsistency of computers is interrupting learning. Mr. Folan would like to make 2 years of a foreign language a requirement of graduation.

FY16 Capital Budge discussion.

Motion to approve Total of Priorities 1, 2 & 3 in the amount of \$550,000. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

Motion to approved Long Term Dept Capital Requests in the amount of \$840,000. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

2. Class Size Update – Discussion regarding current class size guidelines, different standards for guidelines for combined classes, cap on combined classes and Mr. Folan's priority to bring class size down and reduce combined classes.
3. World Language Update – Postpone

H. New Business

1. Request for Out of Country Travel – Katey Swanson, K-12 Wellness Director, requests permission to organize a trip to Rome and Florence during February 2016 vacation. To avoid additional weekend travel costs Mrs. Swanson requests permission to depart the Thursday evening prior to the start of the school vacation. This would mean the students would miss one day of school. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

2. Request for Out of State Travel – Michael Larsen, JSA Chapter President, requests permission to travel to Washington, DD from Friday, February 6, 2015 (miss one day of school) to Sunday, February 8, 2015 with approximately 20 students, a teacher chaperone and Jeremy Comeau, JSA Adult Advisor, to attend the Annual Winter Congress. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

3. Donations – Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator, recent deposits to the donation account in the amount of \$39,337.68. Mr. Nectow will present this information on a monthly basis.

4. Annual Town Meeting Articles – Mr. Granatino presents possible ATM placeholders for Special Education, additional bus costs and Hansen addition project.

- I. Business Manager’s Report – Mr. Nectow reports bid opening for tennis courts will take place tomorrow.
Deliberate operating budget at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

- J. Sub-Committee Reports
TEC – No meeting
CPC – Bob Golledge reports committee met on Monday and voted a number of projects to be presented at FY16 ATM
Start Time – Reuki Schutt reports meeting with BOS regarding potential change in school start times. This is a priority for the schools. Largest hurdle will be how to pay for this change.

- K. Future – FY16 Operating Budget.

- L. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays