

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of September 1, 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 John Bonnanzio @ 7:00 PM.

Present are:

John Bonnanzio  
Kristin Mirliani  
Reuki Schutt  
Meg Gannon

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent of Schools  
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary  
Barry Nectow, Business Manager  
Community Members  
Press

B. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve Minutes dated July 28, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

2. Approve Bill Schedule dated August 18, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated September 8, 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: Ellen Donovan requested information regarding District Physician and why the position was required. Reuki Schutt answered by saying the District Physician position is being filled due to Dr. Batchelder's retirement at the end of the year after 50+ years of service.

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

1. Superintendent Activities: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that the staff was welcomed back on August 31, 2016 with a morning program and introduction by Chairman John Bonnanzio and CTA president Pat Phalan.

2. Indicator of Excellence: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported on her meeting with the Future Problem Solvers Program (FPS). FPS is led by Susan Crespi and Sue



possible need for a van for use by Canton Academy as well as the district. John Bonnanzio mentioned that he may request further information on this possibility of transportation for Canton Academy at a later date. Mr. Amico agreed and is willing to attain any information they need.

3. District Vision, Core Values and Goals: Dr. Fischer-Mueller and the Management Team presented the 2016-17 vision, core values and goals, how they were created, and an overview of the plans moving forward. The 2016-17 vision and goals were created at the Management Retreat over the summer by the administration. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked the cabinet group for their hard work to be ready for the start of the school year. The new vision, core values and goals are as follows:

Vision

To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

Core Values

Academic Excellence and Rigor  
Inclusive and Engaged Community  
Respectful and Responsible Relationships  
Continious Reflection and Improvement

District Goals

Goal 1: All Canton staff will be individually and collectively use data to intentionally and strategically plan for and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

Goal 2: The Canton Educator Evaluation process will promote reflection through continuous conversations about teaching and learning that include both celebrations and opportunities for growth.

Goal 3: All Canton staff will hold every student in high esteem and respond to their individual strengths, challenges, and identities, thus empowering them to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Goal 4: All Canton Staff will increase their instructional capacity to create a classroom, school, and district, culture that promotes social and emotional learning, thus enabling every student access to the curriculum and the development of community citizenship.

Reuki Schutt expressed her concerns with the use of the word "data". Dr. Fischer-Mueller explained her want to reclaim the definition of data and help people understand it isn't just numbers and can be any information that is helpful. Ms. Schutt also asked if the district goals include accountability for students as well.

Reuki Schutt made a motion to approve the vision, core values and goals as presented. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4      yeas                      0      nay

Dr. Fischer-Mueller and the School Committee took this time to thank Jennifer Henderson for her year as Interim Superintendent. Ms. Henderson was presented with flowers and cupcakes. A speech from former Chairman, Robert Golledge, was read by John Bonnanzio.

4. School Handbooks: Dr. Fischer-Mueller introduced Ms. Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, who then presented the changes to the District Appendix, as a supplement to the School Handbooks. The updates to the District Appendix included several changes made by the school legal team and procedural changes that can be now be viewed on the Canton Public Schools Website. In addition, each school has posted their Student Handbook to the school's website for viewing. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the changes to the District Appendix and School Handbooks. Kristin Mirlini seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

5. Out of State Travel Policy: Kristin Mirliani provided a first read of the updated Student Travel policy. Changes will be made to the language of the policy and will be presented for a second read at the next school committee meeting.

H. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow, business manager, provided the FY16 4th Quarter Report. Mr. Nectow reported that the FY16 Operating Budget is \$36,280,049 as of June 30, 2016. Mr. Nectow also reported that the Hansen Construction Project is complete and was full of students as of the first day of school.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller/John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
2. CPC – Reuki Schutt - Nothing to report
3. BRC- Michael Loughran – Not present
4. Wellness- Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani - Nothing to report

J. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2016

K. Other Business – No other business.

L. Adjournment – Kristin Mirliani motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. It was seconded by Reuki Schutt. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay