

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 2011
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call To Order – John Bonnanzio calls meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Present: John Bonnanzio
Cindy Thomas
Jill Stevens
Elisabeth Salisbury

Also Present: Jeffrey Granatino, Superintendent of Schools
Susan McGowan, Recording Secretary
Students
Staff
Press

B. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated November 3, 2011. It was voted: 3 – 0 - 1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

C. Student Member Report – Eddie El Massih reports on success of our sports teams this fall, the production of Once Upon a Mattress being presented November 18th & 19th, the Powder Puff game will be played in Stoughton this year, first term ended today and at the Turkey Trot being held at GMS to collect canned food for the Canton Food Pantry.

D. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Granatino reports a successful Professional Day held on Tuesday, November 8th.

Pat Phalan and Laurie Mooney run the Opportunity Club at the Hansen School helping students with homework and extra help engaging high school student to tutor. Hansen also has Family Literacy asking parents to take part in their children's reading at home. Also at Hansen, Lauren Mahan is working with students to raise funds for the local animal shelter and the next endeavor will be a coat drive.

The middle school has a Reading Rave program highlighting "Rules" a novel based on autism. This program is being funded by a CAPE grant.

Race to Nowhere – Will be sending home a survey based on discussion after the film.

Starting time committee has been finalized – first meeting during the first week of December.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Calendar Change – Motion to approve the early release day for Friday, February 17, 2012. It was voted: 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nays

G. New Business

1. Golf Team Update – Jim Spillane, Mike Reardon, Mike Lamir and Sam Riemer, members of the CHS Golf Team thanked the school committee for their support and reported on a first Hockomock League Championship.

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2. Department Update – Sara Collmer, K-12 Performing Arts Coordinator reports department's activities across the district. The department has had the same staff in place for 2 years. This continuity is making such a positive difference in the department. Very dedicated staff who makes themselves available before and after school. The school committee gives permission for Mrs. Collmer to move forward with plans for a one day trip. Mrs. Collmer will return with the particulars.
3. Policy Change Request – School Committee members will review MASC's suggested Section A and B policies. Members will forward their questions to the Superintendent for clarification and presentation at the December 1st meeting.

H. Business Manager's Report – No report.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC – Mr. Granatino reports upcoming meeting on November 18, 2011.
2. BRC – Mrs. Schutt reports major school projects are in finals stages of completion.
3. Youth Commission – Dr. Salisbury reports meeting held on November 5th at the library. Group working on Mission Statement and meeting space.
4. Extra-Curricula Activities – Mrs. Thomas next meeting is November 14th. Will review survey info.

I. Future Business – Next meeting is December 1, 2011 at 7 PM.

J. Public Comments – None.

K. Motion to go into Executive Session for reasons of potential litigation and contract negotiations at 8:50 PM. Committee will not return to Open Session. It was voted by roll call: 4 – 0.

John Bonnanzio	yea
Cynthia Thomas	yea
Elisabeth Salisbury	yea
Jill Stevens	yea