

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 20, 2018
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Chair Kristin Mirliani at 6:30 pm. Motion made by Mr. Michael Loughran to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. Seconded by Ms. Reuki Schutt. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Michael Loughran	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea

- B. Open Session: Convened at 7:10 pm

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Michael Loughran
Meg Gannon
Reuki Schutt
Nichola Gallagher - Absent

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary – Absent
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Max Macort, Student Representative
Press
Staff

- C. Public Comments/Questions: Mr. Alan Caron asked how the MSBA decision would have affected the 2021 debt exclusion. Mr. Nectow explained that the first phase of the MSBA decision is the schematic design; we would have come to Town meeting in May of 2019 to approve that first phase.
- D. Student Report: Max Macort reported that the Galvin will be surveying student on the early release of January 9th about what they wish for their education to entail and how they contribute to the Galvin culture. The 6th and 8th grade Galvin Robotics Team will attend the First Lego League (FLL) State Competition in January. At the Hansen, the junior robotics team, 4th and 5th graders, attended a mock competition and the 2nd and 3rd grade teams shared their work with the CHS team. Hansen also restarted their junior character crew with the focus on kindness.

- E. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Canton Association of Business & Industry (CABI): Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow attended the CABI Board of Directors meeting, December 6, at the Blue Hills Country Club. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller will be beginning a new 3-year term as a member of the CABI Board of Directors.

CAASA and YRBS: On Monday, December 17, Ms. Shannon and Mr. Folan presented the Youth Risk Behavior Survey results to members of CAASA. CAASA discussed ongoing attention to and work on substance abuse and the mental health of our youth.

CPS will continue to collaborate with CAASA, the Canton Police Department and the Canton Fire Department to identify the best engagement strategies for educating the community, specifically parents and children.

Updates

JFK Power Outage: Due to high winds on Tuesday morning, December 18, power was lost at the JFK Elementary School. A 2-hour delay was determined as the best plan of action and communicated to the school community just after 7AM. Power was restored close to 10AM.

Collaboration with CABI and Eversource: On behalf of CABI, Atty. Richard R. Staiti is working with Jack Lopes of Eversource in identifying projects in Canton. Among the issues identified was the ongoing issue with the transformer near the JFK School. Atty. Staiti brought this matter to Mr. Lopes' attention so that perhaps some remedial action can be taken by Eversource to address and correct this problem.

Eversource Retrofit Program: The installation of energy efficient LED lights at CHS started over the summer and will continue until the high school is finished. The \$100,000 cost of the project is supported fully by Eversource as part of its Retrofit Program, and is the result of the town's Eversource Energy Efficiency Programs grant.

Dean S. Luce Elementary School Not-Credible Bomb Threat: Just after 8AM on Friday morning, December 14, a member of the Luce School staff received a bomb threat via email. The information was shared with Principal Peter who then enacted the proper protocol immediately which included contacting Canton Police and Fire Departments, and central office. The threat was deemed not credible by CPD and CFD, as it mirrored the same messages received by other organizations in Canton and across the country. Students and staff entered the building without issue and school started as usual at 8:35AM.

Indicators of Excellence

Junior District Festival: The following students were accepted to represent CHS in the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMEA) Junior District Festival to be held March 8-9 at Attleboro High School.

Sean Sullivan - Violin

Chris Pho - Violin

Joey King - Jazz Trombone

Olivia Daudier - Trumpet

Joshua Ribisi-Chan - Flute

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Important Dates and Events

Dec. 21	Early Release PK-12
Dec. 24- Jan. 1	Holiday Recess
Jan. 2	Classes Resume
Jan. 3	School Committee Meeting <i>Starts at 7:00pm</i>
Jan. 7	8th Grade Open House and Showcase, <i>6:00-8:00pm, CHS</i>

Jan. 9	Early Release - PK-5 Common Planning, 6-12 PD
Jan. 11-12	Senior Districts Music Festival For students in grade 9-12 who were accepted for the Senior Districts Music Festival.
Jan. 14	Hansen 4&5 Grade Winter Concert Families Welcome- 10 am Hansen Elementary School
Jan. 15	GMS Grade 6 Winter Concert Public Welcome- 7pm CHS Auditorium
Jan. 15	JFK 4&5 Grade Winter Concert Families Welcome- 10:30 am JFK Elementary School
Jan. 16	Luce 4&5 Grade Winter Concert Families Welcome- 10 am Luce Elementary School
Jan. 17	GMS Grade 6 Winter Concert SNOW DATE
Jan. 17	School Committee Meeting <i>Starts at 7:00pm</i>

F. New Business:

1. MSBA Decision: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow reported that CPS was not invited into the MSBA. Seventy Statements of Interests (SOI's) were submitted and only twelve were selected. Feedback from MSBA was that CPS maintains its buildings well and districts selected had a much greater need. CPS will reapply again with another Statement of Interest in January.
2. Cole Harrington Lease: Mr. Barry Nectow proposed a one year lease extension, July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020, for Cole Harrington Children's Center to run at Galvin and at the Rodman. Total rent for both would be \$69,500.

Move to approve the one year Cole Harrington lease extensions: Mike Loughran
Second: Meg Gannon
Vote: 4-0
3. Superintendent FY20 Operating Budget Request: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reviewed the FY20 Operating Budget proposal. The request is for a 5.45%, \$2,308,996 increase with the total budget request equal to \$44,705,401. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller looked at 13 surrounding towns and shared per pupil expenditures comparative data. The budget requests are aligned with the Strategic Frameworks' four long term strategic objectives. The proposal calls for a 1.3 FTE cut. Mr. Barry Nectow also walked the committee through the budget binder. Chair Mirliani commented that 55% of the new funds requested are in response to student needs and the overall well being of our students. Chair Mirliani asked for clarification with regard to what we need in the area of Administrative and Instructional leadership since we are in last place compared to surrounding towns in this regard. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller explained that the best case budget would include STEM and Humanities Content Leaders at the elementary level to support curriculum and instructional needs, and a Data Administrator to manage all data being collected. There was some discussion about this topic and how/when these positions would be added into the budget. Ms. Schutt asked that at the Committee's next meeting the Superintendent explain how adding the above positions, and other positions not funded in the proposed budget, could ease the

burden of the faculty, enhance education of students, and continue to move the district forward with the Strategic Framework. All budget documents are available on the website under the school committee tab.

4. Town Meeting Articles: Superintendent Jennifer Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow explained that the warrant is open tomorrow. Articles are due on January 11. Mr. Nectow explained that he is looking at the special education stabilization fund and how it is going to be used over the next two years. Mr. Nectow explained that these funds will be taken down to zero so we may want to ask the Town for stabilization funds to be put back in for special education expenses. There needs to be an appropriation at town meeting and it requires a vote by school committee and Board of Selectman to access funds.
5. Policy Review: Ms. Debra Bromfield presented the following policies below for review and vote of approval:

Move to waive the second read on Policies DA, DAB, DB, DBC, DBD, DBJ, DD and DH: Reuki Schutt

Second: Meg Gannon

Vote: 4-0

Move to approve policies DA, DAB, DB, DBC, DBD, DBJ, DD and DH with changes discussed: Reuki Schutt

Second: Meg Gannon

Vote: 4-0

Move to waive second read on policy ECA: Reuki Schutt

Second: Meg Gannon

Move to approve policy ECA with changes: Reuki Schutt

Second: Meg Gannon

Vote: 4-0

6. North Street Management Agreement: Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote of approval for the new management agreement at the North Street maintenance condominium.

Move to approve the North Street Management Agreement: Mike Loughran

Second: Meg Gannon

Vote: 4-0

G. Old Business: None

H. Business Manager's Report: None

I. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated December 6, 2018.

Move: Michael Loughran

Second: Reuki Schutt

Abstain: Meg Gannon

Vote: 3-0-1

2. Approve Bill schedule dated December 27 , 2018

Move: Michael Loughran

Second: Reuki Schutt

Vote: 4-0

J. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher – Absent

2. BRC – Mike Loughran – Next meeting in January
 3. Wellness - Meg Gannon – unable to attend last meeting
 4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – nothing to report
 5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing to report
 6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - Absent
- L. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 3, 2018 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab.
- M. Other Business:
- N. Adjournment: Time: 8:40 p.m.
Move to adjourn Open Session: Reuki Schutt
Second: Meg Gannon