

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 6, 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 7:02pm.

Chair Mirliani announced that Meg Gannon gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Claire Margaret on Friday, November 30th. Congratulations to Meg and her family.

B. Executive Session: Chair Mirliani announced that Executive Session was cancelled.

C. Open Session:

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani

Michael Loughran

Meg Gannon - Absent

Reuki Schutt

Nichola Gallagher

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent

Barry Nectow, Business Manager

Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary

Srimayi Chaturvedula, Student Representative

Press

Staff

D. Public Comments/Questions: None

E. Student Report: Srimayi Chaturvedula visited CHS and the Rodman PreK this week. At CHS she spoke with Mr. McDonough about educating students on social media and the importance of presenting oneself in the right way. She also spoke with Mr. Farkas about student created questions in the Spanish language and how this practice gives students voice and helps them feel more involved. At the Rodman, Srimayi met with Donna Kilday who informed her that at their professional development they spoke with an English Language Learners (ELL) Specialist who is conducting screenings of students of multilingual homes. Ms. Kilday intends to use this information to provide support to staff so they can adjust instruction appropriately. There are 18 different languages spoken at the Rodman

F. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

CHS National Honor Society Induction: On Monday, November 19, Chair Kristin Mirliani and Superintendent Fischer-Mueller attended the National Honor Society Induction Night. Thank you, to Ms. Blake and the CHS administrators for making this a very special night

Updates

FY20 Budget Development: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow continue to review budget proposals and plan on making a formal FY20 Budget recommendation to the School Committee at our next meeting, December 20.

GMS Driveway: The water main break at GMS on November 8 caused significant damage to the driveway used primarily by the school buses. On November 28, the driveway was completed and buses returned to their regular procedure.

SBIRT: Canton High School Grade 9 students recently completed the SBIRT screenings, which are designed to proactively deliver early intervention for students who are impacted by substance abuse or at risk of developing a substance abuse disorder. SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment) is a requirement of the law introduced to combat the substance abuse epidemic. Grade 9 students completed the screening during their directed studies over the last week and half.

Pickleball: Following the School Committee's approval, Mr. Folan and Mr. Erikson continued to be in contact with the community members interested in adding Pickleball lines to the CHS tennis courts. There will only be one Pickleball court oriented within a tennis court and using the current tennis net. Previously, there was a plan for two Pickleball courts to be added and a different net used. There were no objections to the new orientation. Mr. Folan and Mr. Erikson will continue the work necessary to prepare the tennis courts for future use with a Pickleball court.

Indicators of Excellence

Early Release PD: CPS held an early release day for professional development on December 5th. Elementary members of Unit A and Unit E educators engaged in professional development sessions to continue their work toward SIP goals. CHS engaged in further dialog of their PD series focusing on Intentional Lesson Design. GMS participated in additional work with Principal Shannon around the adult culture required to enhance the GMS student experience.

Highlights in Literacy: JFK culminated their *One Book One School* with a visit from Victoria Coe, author of *Fenway* and *Hattie*. This past week the Rodman PreK also held a Scholastic Book fair and Pajama Story Time to coincide with the Rodman Reads, one book, one school initiative. The Pajama Story Time was run by the Best Buddies chapter at the high school. The Rodman Reads book was *How Kind* by Mary Murphy. Rodman PreK is collecting food for the food pantry and coats for Coats for Kids campaign through Anton's cleaners.

A World of Difference (AWOD): AWOD kicked off their first activities on November 14-15 in the GMS library. GMS AWOD Peer Leadership Coordinators, Jolene Gillander and Nancy Stockwell-Alpert, are responsible for facilitating the training and development of middle school student-leaders with the opportunity to facilitate and sustain positive social change in their school.

Music Festival: The Southeastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMEA) holds a festival each year for students in grades 9-12 (senior festival) and grades 7-9 (junior festival). This year's senior festival is January 11 and 12 and will be hosted at Canton High School. Students listed below were accepted into the SEMMEA district festival. Students with the asterisk will go on to compete against the top students from all Massachusetts districts for a chance to sing and play in the All-State Festival with performances at symphony hall. Caleb Wolf, Kathryn Trerice*, Colton Mirliani, Justin Luk*, Kyle McDonough*, Oliver Le, Dana Hurley and Jonathan Gong

JSA: Forty-nine CHS students attended the Fall Congress in Providence, RI on December 1 and 2. Five students, Peter Milne, Grace Mondillo, Claire O'Riordan, Emma Howlett and Jack Hennon, won gavels for being the Best Speaker in their debates.

Important Dates and Events

Dec 7 **GMS/CHS Jazz Band Concert** Public Welcome- 7pm CHS Auditorium

Dec 8 **Junior Districts Auditions** Students in grades 7-9 musical ensembles can audition for the junior district music festival.

Dec 11 **GMS Grade 7/8 Winter Concert** Public Welcome - 7:00pm CHS Auditorium

Dec 13 **GMS Grade 7/8 Winter Concert SNOW DATE** Public Welcome - 7:00pm

CHS Auditorium

Dec 18 **CHS Winter Concert** Public Welcome - 7:00pm CHS Auditorium

Dec 19 **CFED Monthly Meeting** Starts at 7:00pm

Dec 20 **CHS Winter Concert SNOW DATE** Public Welcome - 7:00pm CHS Auditorium

Dec 20 **School Committee Meeting** Starts at 7:00pm

Dec 21 **Early Release PK-12**

Dec 24- Jan 1 **Holiday Recess**

Jan 2 **Classes Resume**

Jan 7 **8th Grade Open House and Showcase, 6:00-8:00pm, CHS**

G. New Business:

1. Luce Carnival Fee Waivers: Ms. Melissa Kirk, Luce CAPT President, requested a building fee waiver and staff fee waiver for the Luce Carnival on March 23, 2019.
Move to approve building and staff fees associated with the Luce Carnival: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 4-0
2. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Presentation: Mr. Ryan Gordy, Mr. Derek Folan, Ms. Sarah Shannon and Dr. Meredith Chamberland presented YRBS findings. Students took the survey in spring 2017 and comparative data used was from the 2017 MA and US YRBS as well as the CHS survey taken in 2015. There were 652 GMS students and 788 CHS students that took the survey. Survey topics included: Bullying, Alcohol Use, Electronic Vapor Products, Marijuana, Physical Activity, Mental Health, Dating Violence and Driving Behaviors. As a result of the survey, both GMS and CHS Principals and the Director of Guidance will be implementing programs and initiatives. Some examples include: guidance counselors teaching health courses addressing “Break Free from Depression”, a GMS upcoming showing of Screen Agers, a film that offers solutions on how we can help kids navigate the digital world , firmly establishing a culture of kindness, respect and support at our schools, strengthening our commitment to a drug free environment, partnering with CFD and CPD in sharing strong messages of alcohol and addiction and how it affects brain development, additional staff training on Mental Health and protocols to follow and incorporating evidence based curriculum, Signs of Suicide (SOS) starting in January, 2019.
3. CHS Oversees Leadership Trip: Mr. Ryan Gordy requested approval to attend the Wellness and Sports Leadership Summit in Eastern Europe from June 30-July 13, 2020.
Move to approve the CHS Oversees Leadership trip: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 4-0
4. CHS Out of State Travel Request: Ms. Katie Healy requested approval for the Robotics team to attend the FTC Vermont State Championship from February 22-23, 2019.
Move to approve out of state travel for the Robotics team to attend the FTC Vermont State Championship: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 4-0

5. Policy Review: Ms. Debra Bromfield presented policy section F (File: FA, FCB, FF) and section H (File: HA, HB, HF), and Policy IJNDC-R for review and vote of approval.
 - Move to waive the second read on Policies FA, FCB and FF:** Reuki Schutt
 - Second:** Michael Loughran
 - Vote:** 4-0
 - Move to approve policies FA, FCB and FF with changes discussed:** Michael Loughran
 - Second:** Nichola Gallagher
 - Vote:** 4-0
 - Move to waive the second read on HA, HB and HF:** Reuki Schutt
 - Second:** Michael Loughran
 - Vote:** 4-0
 - Move to approve policies HA, HB and HF with changes discussed:** Reuki Schutt
 - Second:** Nichola Gallagher
 - Vote:** 4-0
 - Move to approve policy new IJNDC-R-1:** Reuki Schutt
 - Second:** Michael Loughran
 - Vote:** 4-0

6. Canton Community Preservation Committee (CCPC): At the request of the CCPC, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow led a discussion to prioritize school department CCPC requests. After some discussion, it was determined that priority #1 would be the JFK basketball courts and priority #2 would be the Luce Slide request. Mr. Michael Trotta, Canton Little League President, spoke about a new request, sponsored by Canton Little League, to renovate several baseball fields in town, several of which are on school grounds.

7. FY19 Quarter 1 Budget Report: Mr. Nectow presented the FY19 first quarter financial report. Mr. Nectow reported that prior to offsets, the FY19 operational balance is -\$2,474,909 which is where we are today with what we know about. With offsets such as, circuit breaker, revolving accounts and the special education stabilization fund money that we voted at the May 2018 Town Meeting, the remaining deficit for Q1 is \$0.00. Mr. Nectow reported we are right where we thought we would be and he will continue to keep an eye on the Operating Budget Forecast for FY20 and FY21.

8. FY20 Capital Budget Vote: Mr. Nectow reported one change to the FY20 Capital summary. The line item for phase 2 of the storage module at the CHS lower Memorial Field was eliminated and put into the line item for Projectors at CHS. Mr. Nectow requested a vote of approval for the FY20 Capital Budget to be presented to the Town.
 - Move to approve the FY20 Capital Budget:** Reuki Schutt
 - Second:** Nichola Gallagher
 - Vote:** 4-0

9. Disposal of Surplus Custodial Equipment: Mr. Nectow requested a vote of approval to dispose of surplus custodial equipment from CHS.
 - Move to approve the disposal of surplus CHS custodial equipment:** Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 4-0

H. Old Business: None

I. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that the storage units for CHS/Memorial Field came in today and are ready to be used. Mr. Nectow is pleased with how they look. Ms. Deb Bromfield led most of the Safety and Security group this week with an agenda focusing on developing a threat assessment process. During this meeting, there was also some discussion about locking down CHS after hours. Mr. Nectow also reported that we reviewed our new software package. Thanks to Mr. Mike Wentland it is expected that the whole district will be on the new platform by the end of next summer.

J. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated November 13, 2018.
Move: Michael Loughran
Second: Reuki Schutt
Vote: 4-0
2. Approve Bill schedule dated December 13, 2018
Move: Michael Loughran
Second: Reuki Schutt
Vote: 4-0

K. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher – Next meeting on the 17th. Vote will take place in January.
2. BRC – Mike Loughran – December meeting cancelled, next meeting in January.
3. Wellness - Meg Gannon – Absent - nothing new to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher- Committee is moving forward with the task force to put together something in the restaurant on the 2nd floor.

L. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, December 20, 2018 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab.

M. Other Business: Mr. Michael Loughran announced that he would not be seeking reelection next year when his term ends. He will be applying for the open Board of Selectman seat in April.

N. Adjournment: Time: 8:52 p.m.

Move to adjourn Open Session: Reuki Schutt
Second: Michael Loughran