

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of February 28, 2019  
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Vice Chair Michael Loughran at 6:29 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session by Reuki Schutt for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. Second by Meg Gannon. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Michael Loughran	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Meg Gannon	yea
Nichola Gallagher	arr. 6:30
Kristin Mirliani	participated via conference call

- A. Open Session: Vice Chair Loughran calls meeting to order at 6:56 PM.

Present are:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent  
Barry Nectow, Business Manager  
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary  
Devin Foster, Student Representative  
Press  
Staff  
Public

- B. Public Comments/Questions: None

- C. Student Report: Devin Foster shared information about events that took place at CHS and the Rodman Preschool. Thirteen students attended the CHS trip to South Africa. Their work and efforts helped to save rhinos from poachers. Devin also thanked Laura Noone and Mr. McDonough for their work on the CHS Lip Dub. The preschool participated in events that supported Black History Month and they also celebrated Read Across America. They welcomed a guest visitor from All Hands Drumming. This was an interactive experience for all students.

- D. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

CAASA Community Outreach : In response to the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, CPS is partnering with CAASA to bring educational programs to parents and students on a variety of issues. The Caron Treatment Centers' Education Alliance Department will provide an educational presentation, "The Truth About Vaping" for the Canton community on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Canton High School Library. There will be two sessions: one for students and one for adults. The 60-minute, interactive middle school and high school student presentation (ages 13-18) will provide current, research-based information on various aspects of e-cigarettes and vaping. Caron

will also provide a separate program designed for parents and caregivers of children in elementary, middle and high school.

The Education Collaborative Legislative Breakfast: On Friday, February 8, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow attended the TEC Legislative breakfast. Ms. Joanne Tierney, a member of Representative William Galvin's staff, also joined. The group discussion focused on current educational issues, focusing primarily on the Foundation formula and budget plans from the state.

Galvin Middle School and Canton High School Student and School Committee Forums: On February 14 and 15, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller joined members of the SC to hear from students at CHS and GMS about their school experiences. The forums are of great value and help the SC and administration understand the strengths and areas in need of improvement at GMS and CHS. Students' comments ranged from needing more time at lunch to expressing a sense of safety in our schools.

#### Updates

Next Dean S. Luce Principal: There is no additional information at this time regarding the hiring process for the next Dean S. Luce Principal. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller hopes to provide the Luce community and School Committee with details at the next School Committee meeting.

#### Indicators of Excellence

CFED Black History Month Celebration : Last night, February 27, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller attended the CFED Black History Month Celebration held at CHS. The event blended presentations of historical facts and readings with student performances. Thank you to Sasha Martone and Naomi Adagboyi for coordinating this memorable event.

CHS Athletics: A historic fall of athletic successes has been followed up with an amazing winter of successes in CHS Athletic programs. Notable achievements include:

- CHS has 3 Hockomock Davenport Champions- Girls Swimming, Boys Hockey, Boys Basketball.
- Cole Murphy is the Sectional Wrestling Champion.
- Junior Sainvil broke the school record in the indoor long jump with a leap of 20'8" AND the 55 meter dash. While the boys 4x50 relay also BROKE the school record- the team was made up of Sainvil, Cam Sanchez, Nate Quan and Jonathan Chery.
- Cheerleaders have qualified for Regionals.
- The Girls Basketball Team qualified for the State tournament with their best record in decades. They are playing tonight in Nauset.
- Boys Basketball player Devin Foster set the record for Canton High School Boys Basketball career points with 1,306. The previous record was 1,179 points.
- Boys Hockey is undefeated after 22 games with a 21-0-1. They are the top seed in the D2 South Tournament.
- Senior Xavier Machuga scored two big points in a game against Mansfield earlier in the season.

#### Important Dates and Events

March 1-2	GMS Musical, CHS Auditorium, 7:00-9:00 pm, Public Welcome
March 5-7	*Kindergarten Registration
March 6	Early Release, PreK-12
March 9-10	Artists in Bloom, Pequitside Farm, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
March 12	CAASA Event, "The Truth About Vaping", CHS Library, 6:30 pm
March 14-17	CHS Musical, CHS Auditorium, Thurs-Sat, 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm,

Public Welcome

- March 20 CFED Meeting, 7:00 pm, CHS Library, Public Welcome
- March 22 CAPE Spelling Bee, CHS Auditorium, 6:00-8:00 pm, Public Welcome
- March 23 Luce Carnival, Luce School, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- March 28 School Committee Meeting, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm

\* All three elementary schools will hold registration sessions on the three dates below. Families must register their child on one of these dates **at the school their child will be attending.**

Tuesday, March 5	9:00 - 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 6	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Thursday, March 7	6:30 - 8:00 pm

- E. Other Business: Ms. Reuki Schutt moved to cancel the School Committee meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019. This meeting conflicts with the opening night of the CHS Musical. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019. If an additional meeting is added in the month of March, the Committee will post in regulation with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law Guidelines.
- F. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow informed the Committee that two bids were submitted for the JFK Modular project. The low bid came from Northern Contracting Corporation of Canton. This bid still came in 100k over what was budgeted. The BRC is the awarding authority. Before they can award the bid, they would be looking for certainty that CPS is prepared to close the gap of the approximate 100k. There was some discussion about how CPS would absorb the overage. Mr. Nectow is working with Town officials as well. Committee members agreed that this project is very important and they must continue to move ahead.

**Move to bridge the gap of the cost overages for the JFK Modular Project through the school budget:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 4-0

- G. New Business:
  - 1. GMS Statement of Interest: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow presented a GMS Statement of Interest (SOI) for vote of approval. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller recapped Option 5A1 that was voted on and approved at a previous committee meeting. 5A1 would house PreK and Administration in the Rodman building. Grade 5 would move to the Galvin in a wing with grade 6, and grades 7 & 8 will be housed in another wing of the Galvin. Two votes are needed to submit the SOI in mid March; one from the School Committee, the other from the Board of Selectman (BOS). The BOS meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2019. The full SOI can be found on the CPS website under the School Committee tab.

**Move to complete and submit the GMS SOI:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Nichola Gallagher  
**Vote:** 4-0
  - 2. FY20 Budget: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow shared process information regarding the FY20 budget. Since the budget vote in January, which was approved with a 5.45 % increase, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow attended the Revenue Forecast Committee Meeting. As a result of this meeting the School Department was informed that our budget target is 3.82%. The Finance Sub-Committee will be meeting on

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Town Finance Committee will present the school budget at the meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The town budget will be voted on at the April 2 meeting.

3. Scholastic Art and Writing Award Winners: Ms. Patricia Palmer recognized this years Art and Writing Award Winners. Congratulations to this talented group of students for their originality, technical skills and artistic excellence. A slide show of their work can be found on the website under the School Committee tab.
4. CHS Out of State Travel Request: Mr. Derek Folan and Ms. Katie Healey requested approval for the Honors Engineering Design Team to attend the Real World Design Challenge Championship in Chevy Chase, MD, April 12-14, 2019. This team designed a drone and a business plan. Team leader Austin Cox and team member Ryan Carney shared their experiences on this project. Principal Folan and Ms. Healey commended their work.

**Move to approve the Out of State Travel for the Honors Engineering Design Team:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon

**Vote:** 4-0

5. Scholarship Approvals: Mr. Derek Folan presented information on three scholarships for review and vote of approval. Members praised the three families for their great passion and inspiration. The Committee agreed to graciously accept these scholarships.

**Move to approve three new scholarships in honor of Anthony Maffie, Jimmy Paschal and Joseph Donnelly:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon

**Vote:** 4-0

6. School Choice Vote: Each year the School Committee votes to not have school choice due to lack of space and the adverse impact that choice would have on class sizes. Without a formal vote, the DESE will consider Canton to be a School Choice community.

**Move to vote that Canton Public Schools will not be participating in the School Choice Program for the 2019-20 school year:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Nichola Gallagher

**Vote:** 4-0

#### H. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated February 7, 2019  
**Move:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 4-0
2. Approve Bill schedule dated March 7, 2019  
**Move:** Nichola Gallagher  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 4-0

#### I. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher – nothing to report
2. BRC – Mike Loughran – nothing new to report
3. Wellness - Meg Gannon – nothing to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing to report

6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – nothing to report
- J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 28 , 2019  
@ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab.
- K. Adjournment: Time: 8:07 pm  
**Move to adjourn Open Session**: Reuki Schutt  
**Second**: Meg Gannon