

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of April 25, 2019
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Kristin Mirliani at 6:30 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session on the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Vice Chair, Reuki Schutt. Seconded by Nichola Gallagher. It was voted by roll call 4-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea

- B. Open Session:

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani, Chair
Reuki Schutt, Vice Chair
Nichola Gallagher, Secretary
Kristian Merenda, Member
Maureen Moran, Member

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Staff
Press

Chair Mirliani held a moment of silence for Ms. Brooke Stephens who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Brooke was a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Dean S. Luce School.

- C. Public Comments/Questions: None

- D. Student Report: Mr. Devin Foster reported on the CHS Senior Externship Program. Devin informed the committee that this year's graduating class has the largest percentage of students participating in the program and he spoke about a variety of externship sites in the community. Devin thanked Mr. Amico for coordinating this program. Devin also shared that he will be attending Clemson University in the Fall.

- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:
Superintendent Activity Highlights
Montreal Trip: Forty-eight middle school students had the opportunity to practice their language skills in a real-world setting, and enjoyed learning Quebec culture during this year's Montreal trip. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked Mr. Snipe, Mr. Adams, Ms. Killian, Ms. Stockwell-Alpert and Ms. Bradford for chaperoning this trip.

CAASA: At the April 22nd CAASA reorganization meeting, Fire Chief Charlie Doody stepped down from the position of Chairman and Police Chief Ken Berkowitz was chosen as the new Chairman. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller announced that she will fill the Vice Chair role and Ms. Janet Donnelly will continue as Secretary. CAASA will continue to sponsor programs to educate the public about substance abuse and provide students with information about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Indicators of Excellence

CHS Boys Hockey Coach: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller congratulated CHS Hockey Coach, Brian Shuman, on being named USA Today All-USA Coach of the Year for the 2018-2019 season.

PD with Administrative Assistants: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller announced that this summer, CPS will be changing its email, conference and calendar platform from First Class to Gmail and G Suite. In preparation for this migration, Administrative Assistants from across the district participated in a Gmail and Google calendar training on Monday, April 22. There are two subsequent trainings being offered on April 29 and May 6 with the focus on Google Drive and Google Sheets and Forms.

Important Dates and Events

April 30	CAPE end of year meeting, 7:00 pm, Canton Public Library Aldrich Meeting Room
May 3-4	Hansen Play (Lion King), 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium, Public Welcome
May 3-5	Artists Gallery, Patriots Place, Foxborough MA
May 9	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, DLL
May 21	CHS Scholastic Honors Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium (Nichola Gallagher attending)
May 28	CHS Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium (Reuki Schutt attending)
June 7	CHS Graduation, 6:00 pm (All members attending)

E. New Business:

1. Promise Act: Chair Mirliani opened the floor to discussion. Chair Mirliani reached out to Senator Walter Timilty and she is awaiting his response. Vice Chair Reuki Schutt spoke with Representative William Galvin; he informed Vice Chair Schutt that there are other bills being presented and there is a bill committee reviewing all bills. He indicated that he would be on board for anything that brings additional funding into schools, however, he suggested that the committee continue to watch this bill for now. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller added that she appreciates the conversations she has had with the MTA rep and CTA leadership in terms of what the Promise Act provides. She said there is support for improved funding and she looks forward to further conversations with the above groups and School Committee members.

2. Residency Recertification Letters: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller presented the residency recertification letters for a vote of approval. She shared that in alignment with School Committee policy, each year CPS request that all incoming sixth and ninth graders recertify their residency. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller went on to further explain the forms and required documents that will be sent to parents of incoming sixth and ninth grade students. After some discussion, Chair Mirliani requested that the word *sufficient* evidence be added to the first paragraph of the Caregiver affidavit. Other recommendations by Vice Chair Reuki Schutt included adding parent/*guardian* to all parts of the forms. The due date for all returned forms is June 14, 2019.

Move to approve the Residency and Recertification Letters, with the changes noted above, for dissemination to all incoming sixth and ninth graders: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

F. Old Business:

1. FY20 Operating Budget: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller presented the revised FY20 budget. The budget was presented with a 3.82% increase plus the additional \$100,000 allocated by the Town of Canton, from health care savings. The FY20 budget presented totals \$44,114,352, or a 4.05% total increase from last year. With this new budget figure, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller proposed the reinstatement of one FTE in the area of Instructional Leadership. The proposed FTE would be a STEM Coordinator who will work alongside Ms. Deborah Rooney, PK-8 Director of Teaching and Learning. The STEM Coordinator would support the work of our elementary school teachers and continue to enhance learning. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reminded the committee that this FTE was recently taken out of the budget due to the retirement of the FT Literacy Coach. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller also shared that due to the efforts of Nurse Leader, Ms. Teresa Saunders, CPS was awarded a nursing grant that gives us the ability to add a new position of a full-time Nurse Case Manager. This position will be fully grant-funded. The ideal candidate will be an RN with a background in mental health. The grant is a ten-year grant that CPS would reapply for each year.

Move to approve the FY20 budget totaling \$44,114,352: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

G. Business Manager's Report: None

H. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated April 11, 2019. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the minutes. Nichola Gallagher seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Approve Executive Minutes dated April 11, 2019. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve and release the minutes. Nichola Gallagher seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated May 2, 2019. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the bill schedule. Nichola Gallagher seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

I. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher- Nothing to report
2. BRC – It was announced that Kristian Merenda will be this subcommittee member. There was a meeting last night, unable to attend.
3. Wellness – It was announced that Maureen Moran will be this subcommittee member. Nothing to report.
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – They are closing in on a designer for the exhibit space on the second floor.

- J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

- K. Other Business: No report

- L. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 7:35 pm. Nichola Gallagher seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays