

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2019
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

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

Reuki Schutt	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

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

- C. Public Comments/Questions: None

- D. Student Report: Ms. Srimayi Chaturvedula thanked the committee for the opportunity to be a student member and she informed the committee that she will be attending the University of Connecticut in the Fall.

- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Windows into the Classroom: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller moderated a panel discussion on Project Based Learning in the Canton Public Schools. The goal of Windows into the Classroom is to provide the Canton community with an overview of how schools are changing in response to changes in our world.

The Bold and Beautiful Art Exhibit: The Bold and Beautiful Teen Art Exhibit was an inspiring exhibit showcasing the work of CHS students. It was funded in part by the Canton Cultural Council at the RTI Empowerment Center in Stoughton.

Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week: This week is both Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked all of the CPS Teachers and Nurses for all the work they do. She encouraged community members to express their gratitude by donating to CAPE on

behalf of an educator. Honor Thy Teacher celebrations are found at <https://www.cantoncape.org/how-it-works.html>.

Unified Track: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller offered best wishes to our Unified Sports Track athletes for another great season. Thank you to Ms. Shanna Belenky, CHS staff and students for making this such a meaningful experience for all.

Updates

CAASA: The Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) is looking for a new member to fill a three-year term. CAASA meets on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 pm at Canton Fire Headquarters.

Indicators of Excellence

March SAT site visit with College Board: CHS achieved full compliance with ETS testing requirements. The storage location(s) met all required standards and our pre-administration planning efforts were complete. Congratulations to Dr. Meredith Chamberland, Director of Guidance, for her hard work and attention to detail.

CHS Math Team: The CHS Math Team placed third at the New England Math League Championship. Thanks to Mike Curry who took on the task of running the meet and to CHS math team coaches Paul Dybdahl and Kevin Ng for their efforts preparing team members throughout the season. Boston Mutual Life Insurance is sponsoring a banquet for the team and members of the CPS community, on May 23, 2019.

Anvitha Addanki: Congratulations and best of luck to CHS Junior Anvitha Addanki who will be participating in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair being held in Phoenix, AZ on May 12- May 17.

Important Dates and Events

May 13	Annual Town Meeting, First Session, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
May 15	CFED Monthly Meeting, CHS Library, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 15	Annual Town Meeting, Second Session, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm (if needed)
May 17	CHS Musical Cabaret, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
May 19	Luce Fun Run, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 20	Annual Town Meeting, Third Session, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm (if needed)
May 20-23	PreK-12 Annual Art Show, CHS Gym, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

May 21	CHS Scholastic Honors Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium (Nichola Gallagher attending)
May 22	Annual Town Meeting, Fourth Session, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm (if needed)
May 23	School Committee Meeting, DLL, 7:00 pm
May 28	CHS Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium (Reuki Schutt attending)
June 7	CHS Graduation, 6:00 pm (All members attending)

F. New Business:

- CHS Out of State Travel: Mr. Paul Dybdahl requested permission to attend Penn State, May 30- June 2, 2019, for the American Regions Math League contest.
Move to approve Out of State Travel for the American Regions Math League:
Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
- CHS Travel Abroad Trip: Ms. Sara McDonald, Ms. Heidi Olsen, and CHS juniors, Katie Morris and Tai Lorenzana requested permission to travel to Costa Rica to attend the Leatherback Turtle Conservation Trip, from April 16-22, 2020. Further explanation and updated information were given to clarify cost and program specifics.
Move to approve Out of State Travel for the Costa Rica Leatherback Turtle Conservation Trip: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
- Teacher on the Trail Update: Mr. Brian Hickox presented a slide show depicting highlights of his Teacher on the Trail experiences. Mr. Hickox shared several examples of how he has incorporated his experiences into the curriculum.
- A World of Difference: Ms. Jolene Gillander, Ms. Nancy Stockwell-Alpert, and students, Nelida Iglesias, Sarah Ryan, Fatima Sidibay, Lucia Curran-Barker talked about the launch of this new program (AWOD) which is associated with the anti-defamation league. Their goal is to try to make GMS a safer place and to spread the message that all hate needs to stop. Students hope to continue the group and its mission onto CHS and other high schools students will be attending. Students shared personal experiences and interacted with all member while talking about bullying and how they would like to change the culture in their school(s).
- FY19 Quarterly Financial Report: Mr. Barry Nectow presented the 3rd quarter financial report. The school department operating budget for FY19, increased by FY18 encumbrances of \$2,797,779 carried over to FY19, totals \$45,194,184. The FY19 voted budget is \$42,396,405. The major components of the total school department spending are:
Operating Budget – Adjusted \$42,396,405, Revolving Funds Expenditures - \$ 2,816,281
Grants - \$ 1,182,031 - Totaling: \$46,394,717
Canton’s Special Education Expenses met the Circuit Breaker Extraordinary Relief threshold and we will receive \$439,170 in Circuit Breaker Extraordinary Relief. Canton’s total Circuit Breaker payments for FY19 will be \$2,256,671. Since the beginning of the current fiscal year, special education expenses remain in line with projections made during FY18, when

special education expenses began to rise. Overall, school department expenditures for FY19 are as projected. We will continue to closely monitor the special education line items and provide updates as needed. The complete copy of the 3rd quarter financial report may be found on the website.

6. FY19 Quarterly Donation Report: Mr. Barry Nectow presented the 3rd quarter donation report below.

January-March 2019		
ORGANIZATION / NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF CHECK
Musiccounts!	\$ 1,085.18	GMS-Pickups & stool for strings
Musiccounts!	\$ 1,412.00	GMS-Redcat Projection System
Musiccounts!	\$ 230.00	GMS-Instrument Repair
Musiccounts!	\$ 934.88	GMS- Bass & Guitar Equipment
Callahan-Bank of Canton	\$ 2,000.00	Batting Cages
Meditech	\$ 15,000.00	Advancement of Technology
Chestnut Hill Studios	\$ 200.00	Photo Commission
Dorothy Binder	\$ 100.00	Unpaid school lunches
GMS CAPT	\$ 375.00	Bus to State House for Chorus
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Southeastern District-MMEA	\$ 1,000.00	Hosting districts
JFK CAPT	\$ 647.31	JFK CAPT
Musiccounts!	-	Entrance fee to MAJE Festival (paid direct \$300)
Musiccounts!	-	Entrance to Bridgewater State Jazz festival (paid direct \$300)
Musiccounts!		Artist in residence (paid direct \$350)-Miriam Robson
Musiccounts!		Artist in residence (paid direct \$350)-Eric Melley
The Junk Remover	\$ -	10 Empty Barrels used for making rain barrels
Franks' Petroleum/Exxonmobil	\$ 500.00	Robotics
Students/One Hen Project	\$ 139.00	Items Sold by Students at JFK 5th Grade play
CAPE Grant	\$ 1,500.00	JFK Sensory Path-Sharon Bolduc
CAPE Grant	\$ 3,997.10	Dog Strong Health Heart and Bodies-Adam Hughes

Musiccounts!	\$ 708.75	Luce-Rolling Orff Stands & Mallets
Students Fundraising	\$ 757.50	Garden Gate Project
Galvin CAPT	\$ 650.00	Screenagers
Hugh & Laura MacLeod	\$ 200.00	Memory of John Young
CAPE Grant	\$ 3,106.50	Home Base Improvement- Sharon Bolduc
Celanese	\$ 1,000.00	Wellness-Adam Hughes' mothers company
Chestnut Hill Studios	\$ 982.00	Photo Commission
K12 Licensing, LLC	\$ 1.80	Royalties for Canton Logo
Canton Little League	\$ 3,000.00	Batting Cages
CHS Boosters	\$ 3,000.00	Batting Cages
Musiccounts!	\$ 4,041.75	3 Apple Computers /Performing Arts
Musiccounts!	\$ 678.51	Portable Piao and accessories
JFK Students	\$ 287.91	One Hen Project-items sold at 5th grade play
CAPE Grant	\$ 1,703.50	GMS Electricity and Magnetism Unit
Jason & Cynthia Duffy	\$ 500.00	Robotics
John Dolan Flooring	\$ 100.00	Robotics
NEFF	\$ 250.00	Robotics
JFK Capt	\$ 400.00	CHS Students that helped with 5th Grade play
TOTAL	\$50,863.69	

G. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that the enrollment and registration process can be completed online now. All forms and links are on the website. The new program integrates with our student information system. Enrollment appointments are available. Congratulations and thank you to Brett McCloud and Mike Barucci for all of their work. The final day to sign up for the bus, without incurring a \$50 late fee is tomorrow. Approximately 48% of our student body are registered for the bus next year. Mr. Nectow informed the committee and the public that the House, Senate, and Governor released their version of the budget. They will continue to work together to come up with the state budget.

H. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated April 25, 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 25, 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 16, 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 – Kristian Merenda - Nothing to report
3. Wellness – Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – Ms. Gallagher thanked Srimayi for her participation and announced that they will likely be announcing the designer at their next meeting.

- J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

- K. Other Business: Chair Mirliani announced that there will be two open session meetings prior to the Annual Town meeting. The meetings have been posted with the Town. The 5/13 meeting is at 6:15 pm, the 5/15 meeting is at 6:30 pm, both meetings will be in the CHS cafeteria.

- L. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 8:49 pm. Maureen Moran seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays