

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting June 13, 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 Maureen Moran. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Nichola Gallagher	arrived 6:40
Maureen Moran	yea

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani, Chair
Reuki Schutt, Vice Chair
Nichola Gallagher, Secretary
Kristian Merenda, Member - Absent
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. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activities Highlights:

CHS Graduation: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller congratulated the Class of 2019. She spoke about the new "Graduation Walk" where seniors walked through all of our schools the morning of graduation. It was a great way for students and teachers to reconnect and show off our great role models graduating from CHS.

GMS Cultural Heritage Night: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked the staff and administrators at GMS for continuing this wonderful tradition of honoring many cultures on Cultural Heritage Night. Special thanks to GMS CAPT for funding this event, Ms. Naomi Adagboyi and Sasha Martone, on behalf of CFED, for funding the hair braider and the Cultural Heritage Night Committee consisting of: Amy Muldoon, Ann McLean Muse, Michelle Greco, Camille Killian, Eric Adams, Jina Guimond, Rumni Saha, Karim Gibson, Jolene Gillander, Meg Hobbs, Heidi Olsen, Cathy DeMassi and Sarah Shannon.

Step Up Day: Eighth grade students walked to CHS and are greeted by CHS Link Leaders, other student leaders, and CHS staff to participate in Step Up Day. During their visit on June 10, students have the opportunity to take a tour of CHS and participate in team building activities. Thank you to Heather Sullivan and Kelly Cavanaugh for organizing this event.

Unity Day: On Monday, June 10, the CPS Wellness Department hosted Unity Day. This event is a collaboration of our 5th grade class, our middle school students and high school students. Students took a tour of GMS then enjoyed some music, a cookout, and participated in field day activities. Thank you to Ryan Gordy, the CPS Wellness staff and our 5th grade teachers for their collaboration and planning.

GMS Girls Rocket Club: Thanks to GMS Science teacher, Mr. Stephen Bauer, for supporting and orchestrating the girls Rocket Club. Their official launch took place on Monday, June 10 at GMS. This event is supported by the School to Career Organization. Thank you also to the volunteers for supporting students' interest in STEM initiatives.

Rodman Preschool Happenings:

The Rodman preschoolers transitioning to kindergarten had the opportunity to ride the yellow bus on a field trip to their new school this week. Additionally, on Monday, June 3rd the preschoolers celebrated the 50th anniversary of the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Updates

GMS Cafeteria: After receiving feedback from students at the GMS student forum with the School Committee, the long cafeteria tables were replaced with circular tables. These circular tables provide students more engagement with multiple peers during their lunch period. This is another example of the value of listening to students to identify their needs.

Indicators of Excellence

GMS Literary Magazine: *Fresh Ink* is the Literary Magazine at Galvin Middle School. The magazine is co-created by Kristi Canavan and Kate Johnston. It is published annually and all students can submit poetry, short stories, and artwork for selection and publication. Each year, published students gather at *Barnes and Noble* for a showcase that families and staff attend to hear readings, descriptions and inspiration for their artwork.

STEM Coordinator Finalist: Ms. Sara Donovan is the preK - 5 STEM Coordinator finalist. Sara has been an educator in Canton for 24 years and is currently a technology teacher at the Galvin Middle School. Additional updates are forthcoming.

Unified Track Banquet: Thanks to the generosity of *Splitsville* at Patriots Place in Foxborough, thirty members of the CHS Unified Track team enjoyed a banquet and bowling to wrap up their 2019 season.

CHS World Language Department: Congratulations to Mr. Michael Farkas for being awarded the 2019 MAFLA (Massachusetts Foreign Language Association) New Teacher Award for Excellence in World Language Teaching.

MET Awards: Ms. Katie Brobst and CHS performing arts students attended the Massachusetts Educational Theatre (MET) Awards on Monday, June 10 at Berklee Performance Center in Boston. Congratulations to this group for winning the Best Tech Crew and Best Orchestra. Other notable awards were: Best Lead Actor for Sohil Apte as Jean Val Jean, Best Supporting Actress for Anna Mak as Eponine, Best Set Design & Execution, Best Acting Ensemble, and Best Overall Production.

Project SMILE: Project SMILE, Stress Management In Learning Environments, won 1st place in the FPS International Conference's Community Problem Solving Component held this past week at UMass Amherst. Congratulations to team members: Anvitha Addanki, Sylvia Chin, Sarah Hernandez, Sydney Weng, Harshitha Valluri, Sinead Qiu, Jenny Mazzola, Ciara O'Connor.

Important Dates and Events

June 14	Last Day of School for PreK
June 17	Last Day of School for Kindergarten
June 18-20	Kindergarten Screenings, Elementary Schools
June 21	Last Day of School, Grades 1-11, Early Release
July 11	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

F. New Business:

1. Director of Technology Announcement: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller introduced Ms. Julie Shore as the new Director of Technology. Ms. Shore shared expressed her appreciation and her excitement to begin her new position.
2. School Improvement Plans: The following schools presented their School Improvement Plans. *Complete copies of School Improvement Plans can be found on the School Committee webpage under reports and on each schools' webpage.*

Mr. Derek Folan shared demographics and data regarding Canton High School. CHS has built upon their Level 1 status and secured a Meeting Targets status. CHS has made significant progress in many priority areas. Mr. Folan expressed the importance of students having a sense of belonging in the school and a voice. He intends to continue to look at data and listening. Mr. Folan referenced successes in the Arts and Athletics, Project Based Learning and Academics, College and Career Readiness and the implementation of BYOD. Next years goals will focus on three priority areas: cultivating school culture and climate, transforming teaching and learning, and achieving academic excellence on AP exams.

Ms. Sarah Shannon shared her School Improvement plan via a video as she was on the eighth grade trip to New York and Six Flags. Ms. Shannon spoke about the development of the GMS Learner profile. Ms. Shannon also spoke about students sense of belonging and the importance of student voice. Culture is woven throughout all GMS goals. This year there were students on the school council. Teaming is a priority. Next year there will be three teams in sixth and seventh grade and two in eighth. The goal is to create a greater sense of community among students and staff. Ms. Shannon pointed to summer PD to help to achieve this goal as will fall STEAM week, the week of October 21. Data shows that students want experiences where they can have hands and minds on.

Move to approve School Improvement Plans as follows:

CHS: Motion to approve: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

GMS: Motion to approve: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

Dean S. Luce: Motion to approve: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

JFK: Motion: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

Lt. Peter M. Hansen: Motion: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

Rodman Early Childhood Center: Motion: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

3. Disposals: Mr. Barry Nectow requested permission to dispose of surplus desktop computers, monitors and an upright piano.

Move to approve the disposal of surplus property: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

4. Policies: Chair Kristin Mirliani presented the following policies for review and vote of approval.

- a. BA
- b. BAA
- c. BB
- d. BBA
- e. BBAA
- f. BBB
- g. BBBA/BBBB
- h. BBBC
- i. BBBE

- j. BCA
- k. BCB
- l. BDA
- m. BDB
- n. BDC
- o. BDD
- p. BDE
- q. JLCA

Waive 2nd read on all policies above: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

Move to approve all policies above with changes as suggested: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

Move to HOLD policy BBA-E for review and a second read: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

5. Delegation for Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants: Superintendent Fischer- Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote of approval to delegate one member of the committee to approve accounts payable warrants. After a brief discussion and clarification, it was determined that Ms. Maureen Moran would be the primary endorser and Ms. Nichola Gallagher would be the secondary.

Move to approve the delegation of approval of accounts payable warrants to Ms. Maureen Moran as the primary and Ms. Nichola Gallagher as the secondary: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

Reuki Schutt moved that *Maureen Moran*, and if she is unavailable or unable, *Nichola Gallagher*, be designated to approve all bills, drafts and orders not otherwise presented for approval at a posted meeting to the full board; provided, however, that if such bills, drafts and orders are approved by *Maureen Moran or Nichola Gallagher*, each shall make available to the board, at the first meeting following such action, a record of such actions, and further, to ask *Maureen Moran or Nichola Gallagher* to include on the notice for each meeting of the board an item for such purposes.

- G. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow shared 2018 and 2019 summer projects for the Technology Department Projects and Facility Department. Mr. Nectow also referenced an incident that occurred on June 4, that required the Hansen School, GMS and JFK to go into a Shelter in Place as CPD informed us of police activity in the area. Mr. Nectow was pleased with the plan in place and maintained close and continuous communication with Canton safety

officials. Students were dismissed on their regular schedule. Lastly, Mr. Nectow reported that the footing has been poured on the JFK modular site.

H. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated May 13, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes. Reuki Schutt seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

2. Approve Minutes dated May 15, 2019. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the minutes. Nichola Gallagher seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

3. Approve Minutes dated May 23, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes. Maureen Moran seconded the motion. Reuki Schutt abstained. It was voted 3-0-1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

4. Approve Executive Minutes dated May 23, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve and release the minutes. Maureen Moran seconded the motion. Reuki Schutt abstained. It was voted 3-0-1.

3 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain

5. Maureen Moran approved and signed the Bill Schedule dated June 20, 2019.

I. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher - Nothing to report
2. BRC – Kristian Merenda - Absent - Barry Nectow reported that the next meeting is Wednesday, June 19.
3. Wellness – Maureen Moran reached out to Mr. Ryan Gordy. They will connect again when the new Nurse Leader is on board.
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – discussed earlier in the agenda.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – Ms. Gallagher hopes to be able to announce the designer at the next meeting.

- J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 7:00 PM. Location TBD.

K. Other Business:

L. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 8:42 pm. Reuki Schutt seconded. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays