

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2019
Administration Building, Room 28

A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Chair Kristin Mirliani at 5:15 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session by Reuki Schutt for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. Second by Nichola Gallagher. It was voted by roll call 5-0. Chair Mirliani announced that Executive Session was suspended to start the School Committee Workshop.

B. Workshop/Retreat:

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani

Reuki Schutt

Nichola Gallagher

Maureen Moran

Kristian Merenda

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent

Barry Nectow, Business Manager

Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary

Patricia Kinsella, Assistant Superintendent

Debra Bromfield, Director of Student Services

Debbie Rooney, Director of Teaching and Learning, PK-8

Julie Shore, Director of Technology

Press

C. Workshop Topic: Facilities Master Plan

Superintendent Fischer-Mueller shared the history of where we have been with respect to the Facilities Master Plan. Mr. Barry Nectow then shared the timeline for project dates and School Committee/Town decisions for the Facilities Master Plan 5A.1. Master Plan 5A.1 encompasses a new Galvin Middle School and a renovated Rodman Building for PreK and Administration. Mr. Nectow also shared the short-term master plans' schedule and projected expenditures for 5A.1 from FY19-FY25. The district expects to hear from the MSBA in December if we have been invited into one of their funding programs. Related documents can be found online under the School Committee reports tab.

D. Executive Session resumed: At 6:45 p.m., the Canton Public School Committee was polled and voted unanimously to resume Executive Session for the purpose of considering applicants for appointment by preliminary screening committee as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect in discussing contractual matters, with no intention of returning to open session. Roll call vote 5-0.

E. Open Session: The Open Session meeting of the School Committee was called to order by Chair Kristin Mirliani at 7:00 pm.

F. Public Comment/Questions: None

G. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Kids Camp: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow enjoyed a tour of all the Kids Camp activities at the GMS campus. Kids Camp continues to grow and is now serving approximately 950 children ages 5 - 12. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this such a remarkable week-long event.

Updates

Upcoming German Visit: Twenty students and two teachers will arrive in Canton on Saturday, October 5, 2019, and return home on October 24, 2019. The group will follow the usual program of school attendance and field trips, as well as the annual three-day trip to NYC.

Ms. Elsa Nicholovias was invited to enjoy an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington DC as she was selected by the US State Department for their Citizen Diplomacy Award. The award ceremony was on July 11. Congratulations to Elsa on this well-deserved award.

Indicators of Excellence

Showcasing Teaching and Learning: Ms. Debbie Rooney and Ms. Patricia Kinsella spent time with JFK teachers, Kim MacKay, and Julee Huffstutler to work on their Learning Environments. As a result, an idea was sparked to make stools out of 5 gallon buckets for flexible seating use in the classroom. After collaborating with Derek Folan and Katie Healey, the decision was made to have this project be a design challenge for the CHS engineering teams. The teams created prototypes of seat options which were presented to Mrs. MacKay and Mrs. Huffstutler for a vote. CHS students made seats which are now helping to support the implementation of math workshop in the classroom.

Summer Professional Development: Educators in the elementary schools and middle school have been working with Assistant Superintendent Kinsella in professional development focused on how to create physical learning environments that promote student emotional health and increase student attention.

What this looks like in practice begins with a collaborative review of classroom images from multiple countries. The discussion then takes place about the interaction of design with pedagogy and the student experience. Participants visit each other's classrooms to analyze the existing learning environment and to make suggestions for how it might be improved. Our goal is to help educators create environments that feel calm, that engage students, and that provide students a sense of ownership over their learning.

The Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA) Video Contest:

Annually, the MaFLA hosts a video contest for K -12 students across the Commonwealth. This year the theme of the MaFLA contest was "Level Up Your Language."

Superintendent Fischer-Mueller acknowledged Mr. Matthew Snipe and Mr. Michael Farkas for encouraging student participation in this contest. As a result of their participation, GMS eighth-grader, Riley Harn, and CHS sophomore, Maryann Darling, were the Overall Video Contest Winners.

Important Dates and Events

August 15	School Committee Workshop, 4:00 pm, followed by Open Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm, Rodman Building, Room 28
August 23	Substitute Orientation, 8:00 am, CHS Library
August 26-27	New Teacher Orientation, 8:00 am, CHS Library
August 27	Freshman Orientation, CHS
August 28	Grade 6 Tour Night, 6:00-7:30 pm, GMS
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 3	All staff report to work, No students
Sept. 3	K-1 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm, Hansen School
Sept. 4	Teachers report to work - No students
Sept. 4	K-1 Open House, 5:00-6:30 pm, Luce School
Sept. 5	First Day of School, Grades 1-12
Sept. 5	K-1 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm, JFK
Sept. 9	First Day of School, PreK & K
Sept. 11	Grades 2-5 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm, JFK
Sept. 12	Grades 2-5 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm, Hansen
Sept. 12	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, DLL
Sept. 18	Grades 2-5 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm, Dean. S. Luce
Sept. 19	GMS Open House, 6:00-8:00 pm
Sept. 24	CHS Open House, 6:30-9:00 pm

H. New Business:

1. Appointment of Nursing Staff: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller introduced Ms. Elizabeth Nightingale as the District Nurse Leader. Ms. Nightingale shared her

background and her enthusiasm to begin her career in Canton. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller requested a vote to approve the appointments of the *District Nurse Leader* - Elizabeth Nightingale, *RN Case Manager* - Teresa Saunders, and *JFK School Nurse* - Tammy Soares-Tisdelle.

Motion to approve the three nursing positions listed above: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

2. Approve Special Education Reserve Funds Withdrawal: Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote for a funds distribution from the Special Education Reserve Account of \$811,146.
Motion to approve the funds distribution: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
3. Disposal of Surplus Property: Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote for the disposal of miscellaneous supplies and equipment.
Motion to approve the disposal of surplus property: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
4. Rental Rates: Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote of approval to increase rental rates to keep up with the labor rates in the collective bargaining unit. The rates are \$48.34 per hour for regular hours and \$63.81 for Sundays and Holidays. This increase is for custodial hours only and reflects the COLA increase. There was a brief discussion about options to offset the increases. No viable options presented at this time.
Motion to approve an increase in rental rates: Maureen Moran
Second: Reuki Schutt
Vote: 5-0
5. TEC Voting Member: Vote to appoint Superintendent Fischer-Mueller as the TEC Board Voter for the 2019-2020 School year.
Motion to approve Superintendent Fischer-Mueller as the TEC voting member: Nichola Gallagher
Second: Maureen Moran
Vote: 5-0
6. CHS Out of State Travel Request: Vote to approve the request to travel to Quebec, Canada on March 5-7, 2020 with CHS French Students.
Motion to approve Out of State Travel described above: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
7. Vote of Unit A Contract: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller presented the Unit A collective bargaining MOA for School Committee final approval and vote. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller shared highlights of the contract: 3 years, some changes in teaching hours and school hours, language changes, course reimbursement changes, added step, and a 2-3-2 COLA. The complete MOA can be found online.
Motion to approve the Unit A MOA: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Reuki Schutt

Vote: 5-0

A. Old Business

B. Business Manager's Report Mr. Nectow provided a very early look at enrollment numbers. The incoming sixth grade class is very large, thus showing the GMS with 49 additional students since June. Mr. Nectow said these numbers will change and we will continue to monitor. Mr. Nectow also reported that the JFK modulars are set and tied together. May be able to move in by August 15. The Luce Slide may go out to bid; then we will determine how to bridge the gap if needed. The JFK basketball courts have been bid. The court resurfacing came in lower than expected, therefore allowing the option to replace backboards and hoops.

C. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated June 13, 2019

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

2. Approve Executive Minutes dated June 13, 2019

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

3. Announcement of approval of bill schedule reports dated: June 27 & July 3, 2019

4. Approve bill schedules dated: July 12, FY19 & FY20

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

D. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC – Nichola Gallagher - nothing to report
2. BRC – Kristian Merenda - met on 6/19/19, nothing new to report
3. Wellness - Maureen Moran - will schedule a meeting with the new Nurse Leader
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani - nothing to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothing to report

E. Future Business – Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, August 15, 2019 @ 7:00 (School Committee Workshop @ 4:00) in the Rodman Building, Room 28.

F. Other Business

G. Adjournment

Approved by School Committee
on August 22, 2019