

*Champions of Excellence: Creating a Culture of Achievement, Equity, Inspiration and Joy*

<p>March 12, 2026</p>	<p>Canton High School Distance Learning Lab 900 Washington Street Canton, MA 02021</p>	<p>5:15 PM Executive Session 6:00 PM Open Session</p>
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**A. Call to Order**

**B. Executive Session** (1) Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) for the purpose of reviewing and determining whether to approve Executive Session minutes of February 26, 2026, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 22; (2) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation (CEA) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the public body and the chair so declares.

**C. Student Member Report** Brianna Geoghan will share GMS school highlights.

**D. Superintendent’s Report** Superintendent Folan will present District updates & highlights.

**E. New Business**

1. **(15 min.) One8Foundation DKP Grant Acceptance (VOTE):** Ms. Deborah Rooney & Mr. Anthony Natale will present the Democratic Knowledge Project (DKP) grant from the One8 Foundation for \$12,490 for a vote of acceptance.
2. **(30 min.) Public Hearings**
  - a. **FY27 Budget Public Hearing:** There will be a public hearing on the topic of the School Committee FY27 budget, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws.
    - i. **FY27 Operating Budget (VOTE):** Mr. Lynch will present the FY27 Operating Budget for a vote of approval.
    - b. **School Choice Public Hearing for the School Year 2026-2027:** There will be a Public Hearing regarding School Choice for the year 2026-2027 according to Chapter 76, Section 12B, of the Massachusetts General Laws.
      - i. **School Choice (VOTE):** Superintendent Folan will make the recommendation to have CPS opt out of School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. **(15 min.) Annual Town Report:** Superintendent Folan and Chair McCourt will share highlights of the Annual Town Report submission.

**F. Unfinished business**

1. **(25 min.) Q2 Financial Report (VOTE):** Mr. Lynch will present the FY26 Q2 Financial Report for a vote of approval.

**G. (5-30 min.) Public Comment** *[We feel it important to remind the public of student confidentiality and all of our obligations to adhere to privacy rules around students. Please remember that these meetings are live-streamed and recorded.]* Click [here](#) to sign up to make a public comment. Public comment allows individuals to express an opinion or share a comment on issues to be discussed on the meeting agenda and/or within the School Committee's authority. It is not an opportunity for discussion or dialogue between individuals and the School Committee or Administration. To respect the time of all participants in the meeting, the totality of individual comments cannot exceed 5 minutes. For more information and guidance on making public comments, please see CPS policies [BEDH](#) and [BEDH-E](#).

**H. (5 min.) Consent Agenda** *The consent agenda is designed to expedite the District's handling of routine and miscellaneous business. The School Committee may adopt the entire Consent Agenda with one motion. At the request of any committee member, any item(s) may be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion. Note: per Robert's Rules of Order, a member's absence from the meeting for which minutes are being approved does not prevent the member from participating in their correction or approval.*

1. Open Session Minutes: February 23, 2026, February 26, 2026
2. Warrants: AP warrant for 02/26/2026 in the amount of \$1,413,187.84
3. Out of State Travel Approval: GMS Canobie Lake Park, June 23, 2026
4. Donation: Estate of Joan M. Smith - \$7,497.99; \$632.09 for 10 new Soprano Ukuleles for Luce Music Classroom; \$2653.64 for 4 new Yamaha Flutes for District Borrowed Instrument Program to loan to students in financial need; \$920.00 for festival entry fee for every student who made Junior Districts, Senior Districts, Junior SEMSBA, Senior SEMSBA, All State Festivals districtwide; Donald Novak - yamaha electric piano with a \$500 value

**I. (5 min.) Update of Sub-Committee, Task Force, Liaison Posts and District Wide Events** *In addition to the core role of governing our schools, the Canton School Committee creates, participates in, and/or designates representatives to help manage issues of particular importance to the school district or town.*

**J. Other Business** Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**K. Future Business** The next Open Session is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026

**L. Adjournment** *The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

**Public Participation** *Under the Open Meeting Law, the public is permitted to attend meetings of public bodies but is excluded from an executive session that is called for a valid purpose listed in the law. While the public is permitted to attend an open meeting, an individual may not address the public body without permission of the chair. An individual may not disrupt a meeting of a public body, and at the request of the chair, all members of the public shall be silent. If, after clear warning, a person continues to be disruptive, the chair may order the person to leave the meeting. If the person does not leave, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person. Although public participation is entirely within the chair's discretion, the Attorney General encourages public bodies to allow as much public participation as time permits.*

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