

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

August 20, 2026	Canton High School Distance Learning Lab 900 Washington Street Canton, MA 02021	5:15 PM Executive Session 6:00 PM Open Session
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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 August 6, 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. Teaching and Learning Report Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sarah Shaw will share an Extended School Year (ESY) overview.

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

E. New Business

1. **(45 min.) 2026/27 School Handbooks & District Appendix (2nd read and VOTE):**
Assistant Superintendent of Schools Shaw and Nurse Leader Lauren Pushard will share the District Appendix and School Handbooks for a vote of approval.
2. **(5 min.) Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) Language (VOTE):** Superintendent Folan will share the CEA-ratified class size and caseload language for a vote of approval.
3. **(15 min.) Residency Recertification and Enrollment Update:** Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sarah Shaw will provide an update on residency recertification and enrollment.
4. **(20 min.) Policy Review (1st read, possible VOTE):** Superintendent Folan, members of the policy subcommittee and Nurse Leader Lauren Pushard will present the following policies for consideration and a possible vote of approval.
 - a. Life Threatening Allergies - JLCEA
 - b. Food Allergy Management - JLCEA-R
 - c. Administration of Medications - JLCD & JLCD, JPP-7
 - d. Time-Out, Seclusion and Physical Restraint of Students - JKAA
 - e. Parent Advisory Councils - KBG
5. **(5 min.) Non-Aligned Pay Rate Updates (VOTE):** Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Brian Lynch will share non-aligned pay rate updates for consideration and a vote of approval.
6. **(10 min.) FY27 Budget Update:** Mr. Lynch will share a Governor's budget update.

- F. (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](#).
- G. (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: August 6, 2026
 2. Warrants: AP Warrant batch # 2645 for 08/13/2026 in the amount of \$389,299.80; 08/08/26 payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,417,945.22
 3. Donation: Bicycle donation from Mr. Emmanuel Nwani
- H. (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.*
- I. Other Business** Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
- J. Future Business** The next Open Session is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026
- K. 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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