CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Canton School Committee
Open Meeting Agenda

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November 5, 2026	Canton High School Distance Learning Lab 900 Washington Street Canton, MA 02021	6:00 PM Open Session

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A. Call to Order

B. (10 min.) Student Report Murugi Nyaga will share a report on Hansen School happenings.

C. (10 min.) Superintendent's Report Superintendent Folan will present District updates & highlights.

D. New Business

1. **(25 min.) Climate Action Plan Presentation (1st Read)**: Members of the Town of Canton's Climate Action Committee will present the Climate Action Plan and Decarbonization Roadmap and the Zero-Emissions Vehicle First policy.
2. **(25 min.) District Goal Update:** Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Deborah Rooney will present an overview of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), as a key element of professional development plans and District Goals.
3. **(20 min.) Integrated Monitoring Review (IMR) - Handbook Updates (VOTE)**: Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sarah Shaw and Interim Student Services Director Heidi Black will share updates regarding the DESE Integrated Monitoring Review (IMR) as it relates to changes to the District Appendix and/or School Handbooks.
4. **(10 min.) Freedom to Read Policy Review - 1st Read**: Policy subcommittee members will share the following policies for a 1st read. These policies are recommended by MASC and in alignment with the new Freedom to Read law.
    i. IJ-R - Reconsideration of Instructional Resources
    ii. IJL - Library Materials Selection and Adoption
    iii. IJLA - Library Resources
    iv. IJLA-R - Reconsideration of Library Materials
5. **(20 min.) FY28 Capital Budget (2nd Read)**: Superintendent Folan and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Brian Lynch will present the FY28 Superintendent's Capital Budget recommendations review.

E. (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.

F. **(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**: October 15, 2026
2. **Warrants**: 10/15/26 payroll warrants in the amounts of $2,039,467.55 (bi-weekly) and $556,800.00 (longevity payments); AP Warrant Batch #2812 for 10/29/2026 for $463,230.24; Food Service Warrant, Batch #2795 for 10/22/2026 for $35,518.43; 10/29/26 payroll warrant for $2,121,522.62.

G. (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.*

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

I. Future Business The next Open Session is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2026

J. 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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