

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of January 9, 2020
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 6:26 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session or the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Reuki Schutt. Seconded by Kristin Mirliani. It was voted by roll call 5-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Nichola Gallagher
Reuki Schutt
Maureen Moran
Kristian Merenda

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Public
Press
Staff

- C. Public Comments/Questions: None

- D. Student Member Report: None

- E. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

School Committee Student Forums: Annually, the School Committee and Superintendent meet with a small group of high school and middle school students to hear about their experiences in the schools. These meetings are scheduled with CHS students on January 24 and GMS students on February 7.

Updates

Hiring Processes: Postings have been finalized are in process for the positions in Student Services and the replacement of the Assistant Superintendent. Updates to follow.

Indicators of Excellence

Robotics Update: Both Canton Robotics Teams, the Canton Robodogs and Canton GearHounds attended robotics competitions on January 4th and 5th at Lexington High School.

The Robodogs advanced to the semi-finals. During the closing ceremonies, the Robodogs were awarded the MOTIVATE award.

The Canton GearHounds competed on Saturday, January 4th and started off the day demonstrating their exceptional teamwork and problem solving skills. They went on to win all 5 of their qualifying matches. Congratulations to both teams.

Important Dates and Events

Jan. 14	6 th Grade Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
Jan. 23	School Committee, CHS Distance Learning Lab, 7:00 pm

F. New Business:

1. Community Problem Solving Presentation: GMS students Ishita Jaiswal and Disha Nayak talked about their community project, Project SMILE (Seniors Matter in Live Every Day). They visit three different senior centers each week and help seniors to access electronics and other apps to bridge the gap between the younger and senior generation.

2. 2020-2021 School Calendar and School Start Times: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Ms. Debra Rooney presented the proposed 2020-2021 calendar and school start times. There was a discussion regarding the half days and professional development days. The committee agreed to approve the first and last day of school, but continue to discuss and tweak other aspects of the calendar.

Move to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar first and last day of school and Start Times: Reuki Schutt
Second: Maureen Moran
Vote: 5-0

3. Policy Review: Ms. Debra Bromfield presented the following policies for review and vote of approval.

- i. GA
- ii. GBA
- iii. GBD
- iv. GBK

Move to waive 2nd read on all policies above: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

Move to approve all policies above with changes that were presented: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

4. Articles for Annual Town Meeting: Mr. Barry Nectow presented the following articles for approval to be submitted to the Annual Town Meeting.

- i. Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement
Move to approve Article: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
- ii. Special Education Reserve
Move to approve Article: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0
- iii. Security and Transportation
Move to approve Article: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

G. Unfinished Business: None

H. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that the date to visit Capital Planning has been set for January 29 at 7:00 at Pequitside Farm. He also shared a detailed spreadsheet showing districts that were invited into the 2019 SOI Eligibility Period.

I. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated December 19, 2019

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

Mr. Nectow reported that the warrant dated January 17, 2020, will be reviewed and signed by Maureen Moran this evening.

J. Sub-Committee Reports

- 1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - The GMS request for new basketball courts was approved for recommendation to Town meeting.
- 2. BRC - Kristian Merenda - nothing new to report.
- 3. Wellness- Maureen Moran - Will be attending the upcoming Norfolk County Sheriff's vaping presentation and visiting the corrections center with Ms. Gallagher.
- 4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - Ms. Moran discussed the possibility of going out to CAPT's in February to review the budget process with them. Ms. Gallagher offered to join in these discussions.
- 5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report.
- 6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - Continuing to work with the designer.
- 7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Ms. Moran reported that the committee members have been established. There is currently parent, administrative and teacher representation. The first meeting is scheduled for January 21.

K. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

L. Other Business: No report

M. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 7:53 pm. Nichola Gallagher seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays