

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2019  
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Kristin Mirliani. Executive Session was canceled this evening.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani  
Reuki Schutt  
Nichola Gallagher - Absent  
Maureen Moran  
Kristian Merenda

Also Present:

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

Superintendent Fischer-Mueller, Principal Folan, and Mr. Erickson welcomed and introduced the CHS Volleyball Team State Champions on winning their first ever D2 State Championship.

- B. Public Comments/Questions: None
- C. Student Member Report: None
- D. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

**Superintendent Activities Highlights**

School to Career Back to School Day: On November 20, Mr. Ed Amico hosted a School to Career Back to School day. This event was an opportunity for the business community to come into our schools to observe the great work our teachers and students are doing.

CAASA Event: On November 18, CHS hosted Kevin Stevens in a presentation and follow-up Q&A about his personal struggles with addiction. Mr. Steven's presentation was another example of the great work of the community organization CAASA and all their efforts to address the issues of substance abuse in Canton.

2019 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: The Superintendent attended the National Honor Society Induction Program this week. She congratulated all new inductees.

## Updates

Professional Development: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller shared a few examples of the impact of professional development on transforming teaching and learning.

## Indicators of Excellence

Greenfest Event: Greenfest took place on Saturday, November 16 at CHS. CPS had over 100 posters entered into the contest that the Greenfest Community Group sponsored. Thanks to Ms. Patricia Palmer, the judges, and sponsors, and to all the students who participated.

GMS Veterans Day Breakfast: On Thursday, November 14th the Galvin Middle School hosted its first annual Veterans Day Breakfast. Forty veterans with diverse backgrounds participated as well as forty-five students.

World Language News: CHS French classes celebrated National French Week this week. Ms. Heidi Olson was selected to serve as a review panelist for the new MA World Language Standards. Ms. Olsen will be working on the Community Focus Area of the state standards.

## Important Dates and Events

Nov. 25	Parent Conferences, CHS, Evening
Nov. 27	Early Release, Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28-29	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 4	Early Release, PreK-12, Professional Development
Dec. 5	CHS/GMS Jazz Concert, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, CHS Auditorium
Dec. 5	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, CHS DLL

## E. New Business

1. Dean S. Luce Carnival Building Waiver Request: The Dean S. Luce CAPT requested a vote of approval for a building and custodial waiver request for their annual Carnival on March 21, 2020.

**Move to approve the building & custodial fee waiver for the Dean S. Luce Carnival:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Vote:** 4-0

2. CTA Scholarship Proposal: Mr. Derek Folan presented a new CHS scholarship for review and a possible vote of approval.

**Move to approve the CTA Scholarship for CHS in the amount of \$1,000:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Vote:** 4-0

3. FY21 Superintendent Budget Proposal: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow presented the FY21 budget requests. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller walked through past operating budget items and how they connect to and strengthen the strategic framework. She highlighted positions and programs that were approved and supported in past budgets and shared examples of how they have improved teaching and learning. There was a community comparison presentation looking at per-pupil expenditures, teacher salaries, and administration and instructional leadership per pupil. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller walked through all of the FY21 budget asks. Mr. Nectow explained that the total request is \$2,798,773 for a total budget of \$46,913,135. Mr. Nectow walked through the breakdown of the budget book sorted by required/contractual, maintenance of quality, and quality enhancements. Mr. Nectow outlined the next steps in the budget process. A complete copy of all budget documents can be found on the website under the school committee tab.
4. FY20 Quarter 1 Donations: Mr. Barry Nectow presented the FY20 first quarter donation report (July-Sept.) A copy of the donation report can be found on the website under the school committee tab.
5. Request for Disposal of Surplus Property: Mr. Barry Nectow requested approval to dispose of surplus curriculum property.

**Move to approve the disposal of surplus curriculum:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Vote:** 4-0

**Move to approve the disposal of old technology switches:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Kristian Merenda

**Vote:** 4-0

**Move to approve the disposal of old computers:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Kristian Merenda

**Vote:** 4-0

F. Unfinished Business: None

G. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow provided information on the Student Opportunities Act. He then discussed the problems the district has been experiencing with our phone lines and electricity. We are continuing to work on remediating these issues. Mr. Nectow informed the committee that within the next couple of weeks, CPS be introducing a bus app that will allow families to track and follow their child's bus location. This app will provide families with the most up to date bus information in the event of unexpected delays.

H. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated November 4, 2019

**Move:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Kristian Merenda

**Vote:** 4-0

Approve Minutes dated November 7, 2019

**Move:** Maureen Moran

**Second:** Reuki Schutt

**Vote:** 4-0

