

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 5, 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

- B. Public Comments/Questions: None
- C. Student Member Report: Corinne Stevens spoke about the importance and value of the community partnerships established at CHS. She highlighted a few examples: Greenfest works with the art department, the Robotics team has worked with Accurounds, the Wellness Department works with Platform. And, the Performing Arts Department is often sponsored and partners with local businesses during their performances.
- D. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

School Spirit: On the Early Release day before Thanksgiving, GMS celebrated school spirit with some friendly team competitions. By grade, teams competed against each other to earn points in a variety of relay Minute-to-Win-It type games. CHS kicked off its Thanksgiving Break with its annual Pep Rally, coordinated by the Character Crew. This year's rally had special recognitions for the State Championship Volleyball team and the four teams that won Hockomock League Championships. In addition, CHS celebrated its National Champion designation for its commitment to Unified Sports.

Reader's Workshop: As part of the Dean S. Luce 3rd grade teams' Reader's Workshop, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller read to students for their end of the unit celebration about *building a reading life*.

Unified Sports Basketball Game: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller thanked all who participated in the November 26 basketball game between the Unified Sports team and

Canton Police and Fire. A special thanks to Ms. Shanna Belenky and Ms. Anna Amico for coordinating this event.

Updates

Title I Information Night: There was a Title I information night at the Dean S. Luce School on November 13. This event was designed to help parents understand the services we are able to offer to elementary students through our Title I funding.

Professional Development: December 4, was an Early Release Day so that staff could engage in professional development. The elementary staff continued in their areas of concentration. The middle school staff advanced their work in support of the GMS Learner Profile and the high school engaged in learning by department. The next day for district-wide professional development is an early release on February 12, 2020.

Indicators of Excellence

Meditech Math Competition: Two Canton High School students participated in the "*Who Wants to Be a Mathematician*" competition at Meditech in Canton on November 21. In this event, high school students compete for cash and prizes by answering multiple-choice mathematics questions

GMS Math Team: The team is coached by 8th grade math teacher Kelsey Cummings. There are currently 35 students on the team: 6-sixth graders, 13-seventh graders, and 16-eighth graders. As part of the Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts, Canton students have the opportunity to compete with 75 schools in math challenge categories of Mystery, Geometry, Number Theory, Arithmetic, and Algebra.

Senior District Auditions: Twenty-nine CHS seniors auditioned at the Southeastern District Massachusetts Music Educator Association (MMEA) Senior Festival on Saturday, November 23 at King Philip High School.

Fall's Junior State of America (JSA): Twenty-five CHS students went to JSA's Fall State convention on November 23-24 in Providence. The theme for the convention was "Liberty and Justice For All." Superintendent Fischer-Mueller offered congratulations to JSA, and to Mr. Pat Connor for his role as JSA Advisor.

GMS Robotics: Congratulations to the GMS 6th grade Robotics Team for winning the "Rookie Inspiration Award" This award recognizes a rookie team's success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers, both in their school and their community. Thank you to Ms. Nancy Stockwell-Albert, for her time and effort in coaching this team.

Crucible: CHS Drama Club presented another successful play, The Crucible, on November 14-17 at the CHS Auditorium. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the play, including actors and technicians. And, thank you to all the adults

who committed their time, including volunteers, Director, Katie Brobst, and the PreK-12 Performing Arts Coordinator, Catherine Eckersley.

Important Dates and Events

Dec. 10	GMS 7 th and 8 th Grade Concert, 7:00, CHS Auditorium
Dec. 12	World Language Honor Society Induction, 7:00, CHS
Dec. 17	CHS Winter Concert, 7:00, CHS
Dec. 19	School Committee, 7:00, CHS Distance Learning Lab
Dec. 20	Early Release, Winter Break
Dec. 23 - Jan.1	Winter Break

E. New Business: None

F. Unfinished Business:

FY21 Superintendent Budget Proposal: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow continued discussions regarding the FY21 budget requests. Clarification was requested and subsequently provided regarding the following budget requests and subjects: Instructional Leadership, Data Specialist, Nursing positions, elementary supply items, Bus Monitors, PreK-5 Humanities position, Summer Curriculum work, and CHS English books for the library. Mr. Nectow also presented a graph of Canton vs. comparable districts' per pupil expenditure data from FY18 and FY21. The information presented showed that even with the proposed FY21 budget approval, CPS would remain in the same position for FY21, which is still below the state.

G. **Business Manager's Report**: Mr. Nectow informed members that an email about the new Safe Stop bus app will be sent to elementary school families tomorrow. The email will have directions on how to sign up for the app and additional information about how the app should be used. It will roll out to middle and high school families later. Mr. Nectow also reported that there was another power outage in town today that affected JFK, Galvin and Hansen schools. The outage lasted for about thirty minutes. He will be having a conversation with the electrical provider.

H. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated November 21, 2019

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

Mr. Nectow reported that the warrant dated December 13, 2019, will be reviewed and signed by Maureen Moran this evening.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - Absent
2. BRC - Kristian Merenda - nothing new to report
3. Wellness- Maureen Moran - nothing new to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - nothing new to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - Absent
7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran is working with Principals to connect with parents. Names of parent representatives from each school will be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Moran asked that an email be sent to parents from the district informing them of the Committee and requesting their participation. Ms. Moran will send email content to Administration for it to be sent next week.

J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, December 19, 2019 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

K. Other Business: No report

L. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 7:50 pm. Kristian Merenda seconded. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays