

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2020
Remote Meeting due to COVID-19 School Closure
Google Meet Streaming

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 6:31 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Reuki Schutt. Seconded by Maureen Moran. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Maureen Moran	yea

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm by roll call vote.

Remotely Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Nichola Gallagher
Reuki Schutt
Maureen Moran
Kristian Merenda

Also Remotely Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Anna Sanina - CPACSS President
Julie Shore - Director of Technology and Digital Learning
Debbie Rooney - Director of Teaching and Learning
Debra Bromfield - Director of Student Services

- C. Public Comments/Questions: Chair Mirliani read two public comment emails.

1). What is the plan for cancelled IEP / 504 Meetings? Can these be done virtually? Now that the closure has been extended will another offer of technology be sent? I have heard some parents passed b/c they could survive, but now that home school, working remotely etc are more in demand, sharing devices is not always working.

What is the plan for home schooling over the next month? What are the teachers responsibilities? Are they required to work or doing because they want too? I think understanding how things are set up and what is required and not would be helpful. Especially when parents are noting differences. Also I think its great that teachers are holding morning meeting and feel they should be required not optional...seriously parents are ok with kids sleeping to 10 and missing school meetings...OMG sorry.. I know that's not your issue...just sharing.

When will reports (especially the superintendent report) be available on the website to follow along?

And way to early to discuss, but also a real reality, what happens when the school year is cancelled? I know you can't control any of it, but what's the plan, the Fall is going to be so rough making up for so much lost time. Luckily everyone is in the same boat.

Lastly, THANK YOU, I know none of this is easy, none of this was planned, and everyone is going to have amazing BCP plans going forward, there will never be another snow day cancellation.

Hang in there, stay healthy!!!

Thanks
Catherine Hoberg

2). I just wanted to express that as a parent of a 5th grader at the Dean S Luce, I have been incredibly impressed with how well her teacher has handled both communication & resources from the time school was originally cancelled on 3/19/20 through just moments ago with a zoom classroom check in. I cannot personally speak for what other teachers are or are not doing but I believe I have heard many teachers are taking the same approach. These teachers should be commended for coming together like this. Staying in communication even if just via email is so important and can be so instrumental for these kids during what is otherwise a period of uncertainty, unknown & even frightening. Our teachers have reminded us all how truly important they are in all of our lives.

Sheila White

D. Public Hearing FY21 Operating Budget

- a. FY21 Budget: Maureen Moran motioned to open the public hearing to review the FY21 Operating Budget. Nichola Gallagher seconded. Roll call vote to open the hearing:
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| Kristin Mirliani | Yea |
| Nichola Gallagher | Yea |
| Reuki Schutt | Yea |
| Maureen Moran | Yea |
| Kristian Merenda | Yea |

The FY21 budget was approved by the School Committee at the December 19, 2019 meeting in the amount of \$46,913,135. There was no public comment.

Reuki Schutt voted to close the public hearing, Nichola Gallagher seconded. Roll call vote to open the hearing:

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

- E. Superintendent's Report: No written report. The report is New Business Item #3 re...COVID-19.

F. New Business:

1. Canton Parent Advisory Council for Student Services (CPACSS) Update: CPACSS president, Ms. Anna Sanina reviewed the 2019/2020 CPACSS schedule of events that

included: 09/19/19 Basic Rights Training, 10/17/19 What is Effective Progress Workshop, 12/12/19 What to do when you Disagree with the Team about your Child's Special Education Program, 01/16/20 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Benefits Workshop, 03/19/20 "Prepare for Life - Was canceled due to COVID-19 school closure, and the upcoming 05/21/20 Disclosure – The process of helping your children understand who they are and any labels that may apply.

2. Student Opportunity Act (SOA) Plan: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller provided an overview of the district's Student Opportunity Act Draft Plan. The complete draft plan can be found on the website under the School Committee tab/Meetings, Agendas and Minutes/Report. Canton received \$80,000 in funding from this SOA. The SPA Plan answers questions such as: which student subgroups will require focused support to ensure all students achieve at high levels in school and are successfully prepared for life, what metrics the district will use to monitor success in reducing disparities in achievement among student subgroups, how the district will ensure that all families, particularly those representing the student subgroups most in need of support, have the opportunity to meaningfully engage with the district regarding their students' needs.

Move to approve the Draft Student Opportunity Act Plan: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

3. COVID-19 Updates: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and other Central Office Staff members provided an update on the district's actions and resources as they relate to the changes in school business due to the COVID-19 school closure. Ms. Julie Shore spoke about Technology and Digital Learning Highlights. As of March 24th, the department has received over 415 Chromebook requests from students and over 30 requests from staff, with more requests coming in daily. The Tech office held 2 Chromebook deployment days staffed by the Tech team and building administrators. A "Helpline" has also been established, cpstechhelp@cantonma.org. Finally, the technology team is offering 3 virtual Google Meet trainings daily for teachers. Topics this week are on Newsela and Google Classroom.

Ms. Debbie Rooney talked about Teaching and Learning Highlights: Across PreK-12, teachers have been reaching out to parents and students with learning opportunities since March 23, 2020. This week educators transitioned to using Google Classroom K-12.

Mr. Barry Nectow spoke about the Business Office Including Food Service, Buildings and Grounds and Financial Operations.

The business office staff is working at home and keeping operations current including

- Paying bills
- Making deposits
- Enrollments and transportation
- FY21 Operating Budget and Capital Budget Preparation

Food Service

- Preparation and distribution of 150+ meals a day at Canton High School and delivering to 5 locations around Canton

Buildings and Grounds

- Deep cleaning all 6 buildings

- Disinfecting fire and police vehicles

Ms. Debra Bromfield spoke about Student Services highlights including how immediately following school closure, Team Chairs, BCBAs, Home to School Interventionists and other leaders including the Nurse Leader and Homeless/Foster Care Point of Contact reached out to families. By Monday, March 23, teachers, educational assistants, and related service providers were working together and with families to establish check-ins, schedules, office hours, and consulting support services.

G. Business Manager's Report: None

H. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated March 5, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Abstain: Reuki Schutt

Vote: 4-0-1

Approve Executive Minutes dated March 5, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Abstain: Reuki Schutt

Vote: 4-0-1

Approve Emergency Meeting Minutes dated March 16, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Kristian Merenda

Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Executive Minutes dated March 16, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Minutes dated March 17, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Executive Minutes dated March 17, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Minutes dated March 18, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Executive Minutes dated March 18, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt
Second: Maureen Moran
Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Minutes dated March 19, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Executive Minutes dated March 19, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote:5-0

Approve Emergency Meeting Executive Minutes dated March 20, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote:5-0

Maureen Moran reported that she signed the warrant dated March 27, 2020.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
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 - nothing new to report.
7. Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report, work on hold for the moment.

J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, April 16, 2020 using the Google remote platform.

K. Other Business: Ms. Schutt inquired about the potential impact of not holding the Annual Town Meeting in May. This topic will be an upcoming agenda item for further discussion.

L. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 8:09 pm. Kristian Merenda seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays