

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2020
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 6:29 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Kristin Mirliani. Seconded by Nichola Gallagher. It was voted by roll call 3-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Maureen Moran	yea

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

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Nichola Gallagher
Reuki Schutt - Absent
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. Unfinished Business:

1. FY21 Budget: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow presented an updated budget based on the feedback from the last meeting. The budget presented this evening put back \$500 into the preschool performing arts, \$10,000 for GMS athletics and \$9,000 for elementary supplies. This proposed budget leaves a deficit of \$6,000. Members spoke at length about options to make up the deficit. One option was to ask for the extra money from the town, another option was to cut the elementary supplies to \$1,000 per school (\$3,000 total), the other option was to cut the salary of the Humanities Coordinator by \$6,000. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller stated that some of the supplies requests are procedural issues that need to be addressed first before more money should be given to the line item. An audit will be done before the next budget cycle to develop procedures and processes with regard to ordering/requesting elementary supplies. After a lengthy discussion, members agreed to fund the classroom supplies and materials line item at \$3,000. The FY21 budget amount is \$46,419,604. The final FY21 budget requests may be found on the website under the School Committee tab/Meetings, Agendas and Minutes/Reports.

Move to approve the FY21 budget in the amount of \$46,419,604: Maureen Moran

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

E. Business Manager's Report: None

F. Student Member Report: None

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

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: Following the request of Governor Baker yesterday for schools to cancel trips abroad amid precautionary concerns of the spread of COVID-19, the Canton school district is canceling the upcoming international trips - the Galvin Middle School 7th grade trip to Montreal, April 19-21 and the Canton High School trips to Germany, April 10-29 and Costa Rica, April 15-22.

The Principals and their teacher-leaders for the trips will be contacting every family of students planning to participate on these trips to outline next steps and the travel companies' refund and cancellation policies.

We will also continue to keep our eyes on the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC in May and the July Leadership Summit in Europe and will notify families if any changes are made.

We understand that this news will come as a disappointment to some and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this serious health issue. The health and well-being of our students is, as always, our top priority, and the cancellation of these trips is being taken out of an abundance of caution at the Governor's request.

Details will continue to be shared with the Canton community as more information becomes available.

Though the risk of contracting novel coronavirus remains low in Massachusetts, please continue to be diligent with the recommended practices of proper health hygiene and precautionary measures to keep safe. The schools continue to engage in thorough disinfecting and encourage students and staff to wash their hands.

GMS School Play: Congratulations to all of the staff and students who made the GMS Musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* a huge success.

Updates

Search Committee updates: JFK Principal, Ms. Christine McMahon, resigned from her position at the end of this school year.

The Director of Student Services search is underway. The committee will be interviewing candidates next week and finalist days are allocated for March 25 & 26. Community forums will be held on these days to allow parents and staff the opportunity to meet the finalists and provide valuable input.

The CHS Principal search begins next week and will be followed by the JFK Principal search. All three search committees have staff, parent and School Committee representation.

MCAS Dates: CHS Grade 10 ELA MCAS takes place on March 24 & 25. Elementary and GMS MCAS will begin the second week of April. ELA MCAS will take place prior to April vacation and Math and Science MCAS will take place after April vacation.

Indicators of Excellence

Read Across America: On Monday, March 2, the Rodman Early Childhood Program celebrated Read Across America Day with several guest readers from the administrative team. The theme for Read Across America is "celebrating a nation of diverse readers".

Important Dates and Events

March 19-22	CHS Drama Club presents <i>Mama Mia!</i> , CHS Auditorium, Thurs.-Sat. 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm
March 21	Dean S. Luce Carnival, Luce Gymnasium, 10:00-2:00 pm
March 25	Early Release, PreK-5, Common Planning
March 26	School Committee Meeting, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm
March 27	CAPE Spelling Bee, CHS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
April 14	Norfolk Probate and Family Court Art Show Reception, 35 Shawmut Avenue, Canton, 4:30-6:00 pm

H. New Business:

1. School Choice Vote: Each year the School Committee elects whether or not to enroll school choice students. Factors considered are space and the impact that choice would have on class sizes.
Move to NOT enroll Canton Publics in the School Choice program with DESE: Nichola Gallagher
Second: Maureen Moran
Vote: 4-0
2. 2020-2021 School Start and End Times Notification: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller presented a notice of the school start and end times publication. that will continue to be shared out to the community.
3. Introduction of the Student Opportunity Act: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller provided an overview of the Student Opportunity Act. Canton received \$80,000 for FY21. The district is required to complete the *short form* to DESE to demonstrate how the funding will be spent. The plan must address subgroups and describe evidenced-based programs. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller will present the entire plan at the next meeting. Currently, the draft plan identifies two areas the district will focus on Early Literacy and Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS). Success will be monitored with

metrics and targets. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller will be sharing the plan with School Councils and will be seeking approval of the short form at the next meeting.

I. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated February 27, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Vote: 4-0

Approve Executive Session Minutes dated February 27, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Vote: 4-0

Maureen Moran signed the warrant dated March 6, 2020, this evening.

J. 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 additional to report.
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - Ms. Gallagher reported that the park and the restaurant will open soon.
7. Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report.

K. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 26, 2020 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

L. Other Business:

M. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 7:53 pm. Maureen Moran seconded. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays