

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of May 26, 2022
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

Members of the public were also able to view a live stream of the meeting via <http://cantoncommunitytv.org/>

A. Call to Order:

The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 5:40 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session made by Kendall O'Halloran to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A and Unit E and AFSCME Units. Seconded by Maureen Moran. Chair Merenda declared that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. Will return to Open Session. It was voted by roll call 5-0.

Present are:

Kristian Merenda, School Committee Chair
Kendall O'Halloran, School Committee Vice Chair
Maureen Moran, School Committee Clerk
Nichola Gallagher, School Committee Member (left meeting at 9:00 pm)
Laura Arboleda, School Committee Member

B. The Committee reconvened in Open Session meeting at 6:05 pm.

Also Present:

Derek Folan, Superintendent
Stephen Marshall, Director of Finance and Operations
Sarah Shannon, Assistant Superintendent
Public
Press
Staff

C. **Superintendent's Report**

Acknowledgment of the Texas tragedy: Superintendent Folan acknowledge the families and staff involved in the school shooting at Robb Elementary School. Thank you to the Canton Police Department and the School Resource Officers for their extra presence on Wednesday, and thank you to the counselors who were deployed to each building for offering support.

Performing Arts Events: There have been several performing arts events that have taken place over the past couple of weeks Superintendent Folan shared. John Russell and Betsy Pabon and their students performed a GMS concert on May 24. This concert marked John's final concert after 36 years of service. The CHS Pops Concert took place on May 20th. CHS Drama Club presented the Cabaret show "Louder than Words" on May 13. Thank you to Maureen Holland and Lisa Kaminski for bringing "Letters from Anne and Martin" to our 8th grade students and families on May 25. Finally, the GMS Talent Show was on May 19.

Indicators of Excellence

CHS Scholastic Honors Night: Canton High School recognized remarkable achievement, leadership and service during its annual Scholastic Honors Night. As part of the event, Principal Sperling announced the valedictorian and salutatorian for this year's graduating class. The valedictorian for the CHS Class of 2022 is Lauren Hernon, and the salutatorian for the CHS Class of 2022 is Suraj Ramanathan. In addition to the Clough Award winners, Mr. Sperling recognized 3 National Merit Scholarship winners, the Junior Book Award winners and the CHS Century Club.

CHS Scholarship Night: Last night, CHS seniors received hundreds of scholarships totaling \$230,000. It is an incredible display of the Canton community investing in the future of its young adults and proudly carrying on the legacy of loved ones and organizations.

Externship Showcase: 83 students participated in the Senior Externship this year. All students shared their presentations during the Showcase on May 25 at CHS.

Curry College Comput/HERS: The following students attended a computer science program (field trip) at Curry College geared for young women on Friday, May 27.

Riley Harn	Saadatu Sambo	Anne Odivin	Kichelle McShine
Diana Tambi	Emma Massih	Olivia McCloskey	Trisha Cherukuri

Important Dates and Events

May 30	No School, Memorial Day
May 31	CHS Performing Art Gala, CHS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
June 1	CDEI Event - Canton Celebrates Pride - Canton Public Library, 6:00 pm
June 2	Field Day - Luce and Hansen
June 3	Field Day - JFK
June 3	Early Release - PreK-12
June 3	CHS Graduation
June 7	Field Day Rain Date - Luce, Hansen & JFK
June 9	School Committee Meeting - CHS DLL - 6:00 pm
June 10	Last Day for Pay & Ride Applications for 2022-2023 School Year
June 10	Unity Day - GMS
June 14	Unity Day Rain Date
June 14	Last Day of School PreK and K
June 15-17	Kindergarten Screening
June 20	No School - Juneteenth
June 21	Early Release - Last Day of School Grade 1-11

D. Teaching and Learning

Ms. Shannon provided a Professional Learning update. March kicked off the Professional Learning Council. This group meets every couple of weeks and consists of teachers, educational assistants, specialists and more. Looking to add members from food services and other groups.

All staff surveyed regarding PD. Meet every couple of weeks. The PLC shared with staff the goals and identified focus areas as a result of the survey. Goals and identified focus areas were shared. By June 21, there will be a professional learning course catalog.

E. **New Business**

1. CHS Boosters and MusicCounts Honors: Booster and MusicCounts members presented highlights of their work, thanked members, and discussed current and anticipated openings for volunteer posts. The Boosters shared their mission and history. The group has bylaws and is a 501c3. They invest nearly \$50,000 in the program annually. MusicCounts raised approximately \$20,00 annually. Their largest fundraising event is Cantonstock.
2. Pre-K and Elementary School Improvement Plans (SIPs) End-of-Year Reports: Principals shared their SIP end-of-year reports.
Ms. Kilday for PreK recognized school council members. Student demographics were shared. Student experiences and student learning outcomes in literacy and math were shared. SEL will continue to be developed and project-based learning will be built out. Transition strategies were shared.
Mr. Brauninger shared the Hansen End of Year SIP. School Demographics were shared. School experiences were shared including extracurriculars. The summary of progress toward District goals were discussed in the areas of achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, cultivating school culture and climate and transforming teaching and learning. Mr. Brauninger shared accomplishments. Some examples include the redesign of the Student Support Team and created a 'Request for Assistance' form for staff to utilize, data driven decision making in support of student growth and positive outcomes and the launch of a building-based equity team in January, consisting of Principal, staff, and parent/guardian volunteers. Hansen also offered Family Engagement surveys in November and May and a Staff Climate survey in February to gather data around school climate, culture, and student and staff well-being, ongoing reflection and adult learning around social/emotional supports and strategies, and staff engaged in an introduction to restorative practices during our March professional development. There was an addition of a School Adjustment Counselor, the Academic Leadership Team (ALT) meets weekly to discuss, reflect, and plan for academic and instructional needs within the building, K-2 and 3-5 teams received coaching and professional development with TLA consultants. Ms. Lamour shared the Luce End of Year SIP. School demographics and school experiences were shared. The summary of progress toward District goals were discussed in the areas of achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, cultivating school culture and climate and transforming teaching and learning. Some accomplishments shared were that Luce launched the SRT in February. The Luce Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (LDEI) team was launched on December 16th and meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5-6 pm. The Luce School Council (LSC) analyzed the fall family survey data in hopes of making necessary adjustments to our school SIP as needed. The LSC embedded its February survey questions into the District's end-of-year family survey and will analyze this data in hopes to use it to adjust our SY 23 SIP goals/key actions. A PD syllabus was created and launched in January to focus on Culturally Responsive and Restorative practices. The PD will go into next year as we did not fully accomplish the contents of the syllabus. An SEL mini-series was executed in collaboration with the Home School Interventionist, Digital Learning Specialist, and the SROs for students in

4th and 5th grade based on data trends we analyzed from incident reports. All key instructional levers (i.e., ILT, etc.) are launched and running consistently across K-5. The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) meets monthly and is working on augmenting instructional practices (i.e., data analysis, etc.) during PLCs. The Luce will co-construct T1 ELA look-fors for fall 2022 to ensure all teachers are prepared to deliver high-quality instruction and shared learning experiences K-5. The Luce provided half-day in-service PD for teachers across K-5 to unpack and design literacy curriculum.

Ms. Shannon shared the JFK End of Year SIP. School Demographics and school experiences were shared. The summary of progress toward District goals were discussed in the areas of achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, cultivating school culture and climate and transforming teaching and learning. Some examples of accomplishments in each goal include that the Student Support Team (SST) process was established and supported the academic, social emotional, behavioral, health and attendance needs of students through the RTI process, Kindergarten Literacy interventions were implemented and the JFK DEI Team was established and the DEI Calendar was rolled out. A Student Behavior Tracker was created and implemented, SEL professional learning was offered through faculty meetings by student support staff, and there was a 4th Grade CHS Leadership Class Project. Tier 1 reading curriculum: professional learning through TLA, Humanities Coordinator and building reading specialist, the math curriculum review and the expansion of the ILT model.

The next steps include dyslexia screening data will be added to reports once available, other data will also be added to reports once it becomes available, 2022-23 School Improvement Plans.

3. Q3 Financial Report: Mr. Marshall presented the Quarter 3 Financial Report including donations. The total budget is \$51,312,612 of which 83% are salaries. As of March 31, there is \$18,326,625 encumbered leaving a balance of \$48,294. There will likely end the year with a small positive balance.

With regard to Special Education expenses, Mr. Marshall shared reports including actual and projected full-year operating expenditures for FY21, FY22, and FY23. These include special education actual and projected expenses. Tuition and transportation expenses for FY22 are projected at \$7,706,629. Tuitions and transportation expenses are expected to remain relatively flat in FY23 to \$7,900,974. Mr. Marshall discussed revolving accounts and grants. Donations will be presented at the June 9 meeting. As a result, a vote does not need to be taken this evening.

4. District Goals Updates: Superintendent Folan explained that the following District goals is in progress. Mr. Folan shared that Mr. Josh Fogel will be the new Data Analytics Manager and will help the District move this goal forward.
 - Creating the CPS identity, targets for improvement, and criteria for accountability by developing Indicators of Excellence with metrics, benchmarks, and strategies; sharing with the public 2-3 times annually.
5. MSBA Update: Superintendent Folan provided an update on the GMS MSBA process. The certification compliance letter has been submitted along with portal access and the ATM-certified vote. Next is the development of the School Building Committee that Mr. Marshall and Chair Merenda are working on through the BRC. The Town bylaws give the BRC the full authority of this project, with the GMS/MSBA project a subcommittee.

F. Public Comment: none

G. Director of Finance and Operations Report: The District put out a 5-year school transportation bid that was due on May 6. There was a competition this year, for the first time in many years. Cameras on

buses were a requirement along with GPS tracking. First Student was the low bid, not Connolly. There was a difference of \$88k. CPS intends to award the student transportation bid to First Student. A vote will be taken in August. CPS will be applying for a grant for an electric school bus to replace one of our buses.

H. Consent Agenda:

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Kendall O'Halloran

Seconded: Laura Arboleda

The Consent Agenda unanimously: 4-0

The following items were approved in the Consent Agenda:

Open Session Minutes: April 28, 2022, May 12, 2022

Executive Session Minutes: May 12, 2022

Warrant dated May 27, 2022

I. Sub-Committee, Task Force, and Liaison Post Updates:

- 4 tasks were shared to determine which members would like to represent each
 - Content and communication - Ms. O'Halloran
 - Ad hoc superintendent evaluation process - Ms. Merenda
 - Ad hoc SC planning process task - Ms. Merenda
 - Legal counsel review task - Ms. Moran
- Content and communications two new ads coming up
- CCPS meeting next week
- CAPT will invite new board members to attend the next board meeting in June

J. Other Business: none

K. Future Business: Next School Committee meeting will be held Thursday, June 9, 2022, @ 6:00 pm in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

L. Adjournment: Maureen Moran motioned to close the Open Session @ 9:53 pm. Kendall O'Halloran seconded. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

Documents Used During the Meeting:

1. Superintendent's Report dated May 26, 2022
2. MusicCounts slide deck
3. CHS Boosters slide deck
4. Elementary SIP slide deck
5. Preschool SIP slide deck
6. Quarter 3 report
7. Taskforce documents