

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of June 25, 2020
Remote Meeting due to COVID-19 School Closure
Zoom Webinar

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Mirliani.

Kristin Mirliani
Nichola Gallagher Absent
Kristian Merenda
Maureen Moran
Charles Rae

Also Remotely Present:

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

- B. Public Comment: None

- C. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

5th Grade End-of-Year Celebrations: 5th grade students celebrated the end of the year celebrations this week. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to orchestrate these events.

End-of-Year District Letter: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller spoke about the many “firsts” experienced with this global pandemic - remote learning, working from home, the drive through graduation and promotion ceremonies, virtual School Committee meetings, and so much more. A End-of-Year letter was sent to the CPS community. Parents will be informed throughout the summer as new information is received and processed. Parent’s engagement was encouraged.

Educational Equity: CPS has recommitted publicly to Educational Equity. The school district is poised to take the next bold steps forward in our commitment to “... identify unconscious and implicit biases and the impact they have on our students, families, and staff.”

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, June 22, Canton’s Annual Town Meeting was held at CHS’s Memorial Field. Along with the Town’s budget, the School Committee’s Capital and Operating budgets were passed. Thanks to Mr. Nectow for all his efforts in creating the best budgets we could under these difficult circumstances. There is another Town Meeting scheduled for August.

- D. New Business:

1. TEC Voting Member: Members voted to appoint Superintendent Fischer-Mueller as the TEC Board Voter for CPS for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Motion to appoint Superintendent Fischer-Mueller as the TEC Board Voter for the 2020-2021 school year: Kristin Mirliani

Second: Chuck Rae

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

E. Unfinished Business:

1. School Closure and Reopening Update
School Closure and Reopening Update: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow shared school reopening information. Today, Governor Baker and Commissioner Riley, along with health organizations shared guidance on school reopening. This document can be found on the website. Overview: informed by health organizations, students need to return to work, in-person requires social distancing (3-6 ft apart). Districts asked to create plans for in-person, hybrid and all remote learning. There is a need for level funded budgets. More comprehensive guidance coming to include transportation and robust safety and security. CPS has been working on calculations for classroom capacity, technology plans, and surveys of staff and students regarding remote learning. The results are being analyzed and will be shared at an upcoming meeting. CPS continues to work closely with the Town Finance Department. CPS Summer program will begin on July 13. Received feedback from parents this week via virtual forums regarding summer programs. The safety plan has been approved. All staff will receive training on PPE and other health and safety measures. Starting to hear from out of district schools, some are going to be running. Cole Harrington's safety plans were approved and they will begin on July 8. Canton Academy has 402 separate class registrations and currently has a waitlist for many classes, class size limited to 10. Ms. Elizabeth Nightingale is the COVID19 district point person. The district has a page set up on the website for vendors and staff to complete self screenings. Mr. Nectow is working with Mr. Lynch, Facilities Director, to review building layouts for isolation areas if needed. Examples of the next steps include finalizing analyses of and report out survey results, expand stakeholder involvement, continue training and purchasing, review contractual matters, inventory technology needs and execute new communication too. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller explained that the communication tool is a news stream, it will be posted on the web, similar to a feed/blog. People can subscribe to it and we will push out information this way and post content. Ms. Bromfield clarified for members that the district needs to limit the number of students in the ESY to factor in the distancing requirement and safety equipment needs. We need to be cautious so we have a high standard of safety. Not all ESY students will tolerate wearing masks. As guidelines become less stringent, it is possible that in August more children will be able to attend. No child will be denied access to their full remote plan. Currently bringing all ESY students back every other day to limit the total number of students in at one time, starting off at 50% of what IEP says in person and 50% remote. Ms. Moran asked how staff felt about returning to work with the 3ft guidelines. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller said this is new data and they have not been surveyed. However, it is important to note that this is medical research guidelines. Looking at the use of all building spaces and how to best utilize them as new guidelines are shared.

F. Business Manager's Report: None

G. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated June 18, 2020

Move: Maureen Moran
Second: Kristian Merenda
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

2. Accounts Payable and Food Services Warrants dated June 26, 2020, signed and approved by Ms. Maureen Moran.

H. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report. The new Subcommittee representative is Kristin Mirliani.
2. BRC - Kristian Merenda - nothing new to report. The new Subcommittee representative is Chuck Rae
3. Wellness- Maureen Moran - nothing new to report. The new Subcommittee representative is Chuck Rae
4. Finance - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report. The new Subcommittee representative to join Maureen Moran is Nichola Gallagher.
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report. The new Subcommittee representative is Kristian Merenda.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothin new to report. Ms. Gallagher will remain as the Subcommittee representative.
7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report. Ms. Moran will remain as the Subcommittee representative.

- I. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

- J. Other Business: None

- K. Adjournment: Maureen Moran motioned to close Open Session at 7:50 pm. Kristian Merenda seconded. It was voted by roll call vote 4-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Charles Rae	yea

4 yeas 0 nays