Town of Canton

Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2015

Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

1. Call to Order – Bob Golledge calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present are Bob Golledge, Kristin Mirliani, Mike Loughran, Rueki Schutt (at 6:45).
2. Executive Session – Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters it was voted by roll call: 3 – 0
3. Routine Matters:
   1. Approve Minutes dated April 30, 2015 as amended. It was voted 3 – 0 – 1

3 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain

1. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated April 30, 2015. It was voted 3 – 0 – 1

3 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain

1. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated April 30, 2015 for public release. It was voted 4 -0.

4 yeas 0 nay

1. Approve Bill Schedule dated May 21, 2015. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

1. Public Comments – A variety of parents came forward to voice their opinions and concerns with the current budget, start time changes, Common Core, and full day kindergarten. Close to an hour was spent by the School Committee listening to the thoughts and concerns. Mr. Golledge noted how great it was to hear from so many parents.

1. Student Member – No student member this week.
2. Superintendent Report – Mr. Granatino reported on a few important events happening in the district. He congratulated student Jessica Vo for being invited to the State House for her Anti-Smoking Poster and also Ms. Stenmon’s and her students for putting on a wonderful visual arts display. He also congratulated Elaine McCarthy for a job well done on the reenactment at the Galvin. In addition, Mr. Granatino thanked Maureen Dickie, Anne Murray and Derek Folan for putting on a wonderful Scholastic Honors Night for the Canton High School 2015 graduates. Mr. Granatino also reported that Sarah Collmer will be resigning from her principal position at the Kennedy Elementary School. Meredith Carey will also be resigning from her role as Vice Principal at Galvin Middle School. Jim Spillane will be the Galvin’s new Assistant Principal in the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Lastly, he reminded parents that May 29th is the deadline for bus forms before a late fee are incurred.
3. Old Business
   1. FY 16 Operational Budget – There was discussion of the FY16 budget as it stood now that the ATM had concluded. The members looked at possibilities that may exist within the operating budget to bring the start time change that had been worked on throughout the year. It was noted that any money from the FY16 budget that went to towards buses needed for start time change would be coming from money that could possibly go toward adding teachers to address the class size concerns. The committee decided to hold off on a final decision until they had a better idea of what any reduction in FTE’s would look like.
   2. Start Time – The topic of start time was covered in great deal during the public comment period. The School Committee heard from many on this topic with come in support of a later start time at the secondary level and come hoping to use those dollars for more teachers. The School Committee discussed it briefly, but looked at moving a final discussion to this matter to the June 11 meeting, where, as noted in the FY16 budget item, there would be more information related to what impact any change would have on class sizes.
   3. Hansen Addition – The School Committee discussed the vote taken at ATM regarding the Hansen addition and what steps could be taken to better educate the public on this project in the days leading up to the June 23rd special election. It was suggested by Reukki Schutt that members of the School Committee host an informal night for citizens who are interested in the project. It was noted that an off-school location, such as the Armando Center would be a good location for this event. The School Committee looked at June 2nf as a tentative date to hold this meeting and it would be firmed up in the next few days.
4. New Business
   1. Out of State Travel- Mike Curry requests permission for the Math Team to travel to Penn State University to participate in the American Regional Math League (ARML) competition. This event takes place May 28-30 2015. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

* 1. Overnight Field Trip- David Brauninger requests permission for Hansen students and staff to travel to Camp Wing in Duxbury for a two day, overnight, field trip. The trip will leave on June 1st and return on June 2nd in the afternoon. This trip has been going on for many years. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

* 1. Subcommittee Assignments- Mr. Golledge will lead discussion on finalizing subcommittee assignments. The assignments are as follows:

Motion to assign Robert Golledge to the TEC subcommittee and have the superintendent be a voting member of the TEC. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

Motion to assign Mike Loughran to the CPC subcomittee. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

Motion to assign John Bonnanzio to the BRC subcommittee. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

Motion to assign Kristin Mirliani to the Wellness subcommittee. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

Motion to assign Reuki Schutt and Kristen Mirliani to the Finance subcommittee. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

* 1. School Committee Meeting Schedule- The Committee will discuss and vote on the 2015/16 School Committee Meeting Schedule. It was voted 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

* 1. Residency Recertification- The School Committee will discuss and then vote on the implementation of the annual Grade 6 & 9 residency recertification process. This process has been in place for five years. It was voted 4 – 0.
     + - 1. yeas 0 nay
  2. TEC Agreement – Mr. Granatino briefly explained the TEC agreement and the amendments. Motion to adopt the 3 amendments to the TEC. Amendments approved by a vote of 4 – 0.

4 yeas 0 nay

* 1. Teacher Retirements- Mr. Granatino recognized the following retirees and thanked them for their years of service in Canton Public Schools.

Susan McGowan – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

Marilyn C. Capone – Galvin Middle School Reading

Margaret A. Sullivan – Luce Kindergarten Teacher

Susan Rogers – Kennedy Elementary Nurse

Elizabeth S. Pomfred – Luce 3rd Grade Teacher

Eileen C. Cerne – Canton High School Part Time Nurse

Donna Treece – Canton High School German Teacher

Barbara Stephens – Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator

* 1. Donations- Mr. Nectow introduced Bill Mohan from Dominos Pizza. Dominos ran a special promotion earlier in the school year to raise money for CAPT. Bill Mohan presented each CAPT president with a check for $250. Mr. Golledge and Mr. Granatino expressed gratitude to Dominos for their generosity and for being an excellent fund raiser for Canton Public Schools.

J. Business Manager’s Report – No report at this time.

K. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Nothing to report

2. CPC – Nothing to report

3. BRC- Nothing to report

4. Wellness- Nothing to report

5. Start Time- Nothing to report

6. SBSC- Nothing to report

L. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2015

1. Handbook of dress code

M. Other Business

N. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:40PM. It was voted 4 – 0

4 yeas 0 nay