Town of Canton Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of September 1, 2016 Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

The back-up support documents for each agenda item are arranged in the order listed below.

Α.	Open Session called to order by John Bonnanzio @ 7:00 PM.	

Present are:

John Bonnanzio
Kristin Mirliani
Reuki Schutt
Meg Gannon

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent of Schools Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary Barry Nectow, Business Manager Community Members

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B. Routine Matters

1.	Motion to approve Minute	es dated July	/ 28, 2016.	It was voted 4-0.

2. Approve Bill Schedule dated August 18, 2016. It was voted 4-0.

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- 4 yeas 0 nay
- 3. Approve Bill Schedule dated September 8, 2016. It was voted 4-0.
 - 4 yeas 0 nay
- C. Student Member Report: No student member due to summer vacation.

yeas

- D. <u>Public Comments/Questions</u>: Ellen Donovan requested information regarding District Physician and why the position was required. Reuki Schutt answered by saying the District Physician position is being filled due to Dr. Batchelder's retirement at the end of the year after 50+ years of service.
- E. <u>Superintendent Report</u>: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided an update on a variety of matters including:
 - 1. <u>Superintendent Activities:</u> Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that the staff was welcomed back on August 31, 2016 with a morning program and introduction by Chairman John Bonnanzio and CTA president Pat Phalan.
 - 2. <u>Indicator of Excellence</u>: Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported on her meeting with the Future Problem Solvers Program (FPS). FPS is led by Susan Crespi and Sue

Bronstein. The superintendent has invited the FPS to come to a School Committee Meeting in the future to present their current program and their plans for the future.

- 3. <u>Staff Preparations for Opening School</u>: Dr. Fischer-Mueller commended Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Henderson, and her team the New Educator Orientation on August 24 and 25. The orientation welcomed 44 new educators. Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that the workshops and orientation received overwhelming positive feedback. Dr. Fischer-Mueller also thanked a long list of businesses in Canton who contributed gift certificates for the New Educator Orientation, so the new employees will become more familiar with the town.
- 4. <u>Follow Up:</u> Dr. Fischer-Mueller followed up on a question the School Committee had posed. The CASSA Committee membership will only allow one voting member from the School Department. This member is Ryan Gordy.

F. Old Business:

1. <u>District Physician:</u> Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported that there was no further information available at that time. This topic will be held until further information is made available and decisions are made.

Dr. Fischer-Mueller instead announced the new Nurses for Canton Public Schools, Margaret Miller, Laura Cucchi and Lauren Fallon. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the new school nurses. The motioned was seconded by Reuki Schutt. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

G. New Business

1. <u>Introduce New Administration:</u> Principals Derek Folan, Dr. William Conard and Christine McMahon introduced the new administration in each of their schools. The new administration includes:

CHS

Julie Shore – Dean of Students Heidi Olsen – World Language K-12 Coordinator Ryan Gordy – K-12 Wellness Coordinator

GMS

Amy Mulldoon – Team Chair Anthony Natale – Social Studies Teacher and Department Coordinator

JFK

Maria Magazzu – Assistant Principal Megan Byrne – Team Chair

2. <u>Canton Academy</u>: Ed Amico presented an overview of the 12th year for Canton Academy program over the summer. Mr. Amico reported that there has been great growth in the program, with 385 students enrolled this year, and that all children who wanted to attend were able to attend. He brought to light the

possible need for a van for use by Canton Academy as well as the district. John Bonnanzio mentioned that he may request further information on this possibility of transportation for Canton Academy at a later date. Mr. Amico agreed and is willing to attain any information they need.

3. <u>District Vision, Core Values and Goals</u>: Dr. Fischer-Mueller and the Management Team presented the 2016-17 vision, core values and goals, how they were created, and an overview of the plans moving forward. The 2016-17 vision and goals were created at the Management Retreat over the summer by the administration. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked the cabinet group for their hard work to be ready for the start of the school year. The new vision, core values and goals are as follows:

Vision

To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

Core Values
Academic Excellence and Rigor
Inclusive and Engaged Community
Respectful and Responsible Relationships
Continious Reflection and Improvement

District Goals

Goal 1: All Canton staff will be individually and collectively use data to intentionally and strategically plan for and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

Goal 2: The Canton Educator Evaluation process will promote reflection through continuous conversations about teaching and learning that include both celebrations and opportunities for growth.

Goal 3: All Canton staff will hold every student in high esteem and respond to their individual strengths, challenges, and identities, thus empowering them to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Goal 4: All Canton Staff will increase their instructional capacity to create a classroom, school, and district, culture that promotes social and emotional learning, thus enabling every student access to the curriculum and the development of community citizenship.

Reuki Schutt expressed her concerns with the use of the word "data". Dr. Fischer-Mueller explained her want to reclaim the definition of data and help people understand it isn't just numbers and can be any information that is helpful. Ms. Schutt also asked if the district goals include accountability for students as well.

Reuki Schutt made a motion to approve the vision, core values and goals as presented. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

Dr. Fischer-Mueller and the School Committee took this time to thank Jennifer Henderson for her year as Interim Superintendent. Ms. Henderson was presented with flowers and cupcakes. A speech from former Chairman, Robert Golledge, was read by John Bonnanzio.

4. School Handbooks: Dr. Fischer-Mueller introduced Ms. Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, who then presented the changes to the District Appendix, as a supplement to the School Handbooks. The updates to the District Appendix included several changes made by the school legal team and procedural changes that can be now be viewed on the Canton Public Schools Website. In addition, each school has posted their Student Handbook to the school's website for viewing. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the changes to the District Appendix and School Handbooks. Kristin Mirlini seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay

- 5. Out of State Travel Policy: Kristin Mirliani provided a first read of the updated Student Travel policy. Changes will be made to the language of the policy and will be presented for a second read at the next school committee meeting.
- H. <u>Business Manager's Report:</u> Barry Nectow, business manager, provided the FY16 4th Quarter Report. Mr. Nectow reported that the FY16 Operating Budget is \$36,280,049 as of June 30, 2016. Mr. Nectow also reported that the Hansen Construction Project is complete and was full of students as of the first day of school.
- I. Sub-Committee Reports
 - 1. TEC- Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller/John Bonnanzio Nothing to report
 - 2. CPC Reuki Schutt Nothing to report
 - 3. BRC- Michael Loughran Not present
 - 4. Wellness- Meg Gannon Nothing to report
 - 5. Finance Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon Nothing to report
 - 6. Building Use John Bonnanzio Nothing to report
 - 7. Policy Kristin Mirliani Nothing to report
- J. Future Business Next Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2016
- K. Other Business No other business.
- L. <u>Adjournment</u> Kristin Mirliani motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. It was seconded by Reuki Schutt. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay