

**Canton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2022 7:15 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

Board Members:

Lou Daniels	Present
Felicia Jordan	Absent
Russell Bush	Present
Peggy Steinway	Present
Cindy Moeller	Absent
Ryan O'Donnell	Virtual
Erika Hayes	Present
Joseph Scheideler	Present
Kim Sullivan	Present

Also Present:

Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools (7:30)
Kyra Lefebvre, Information Technology
Jon Bishop, Director of Learning & Innovation
Donna Miscikoski, Asst to the Superintendent for Financial Affairs
Claudia Nardi, Asst to the Superintendent of Schools
Nora Mocarski,

Student Representatives:

Simone Mesas	Absent
Khalil Thomas	Present
Isabella Vogt	Present

L. Daniels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Khalil Thomas, student representative, led the Pledge of Alliance.

STUDENT REPORT, Khalil Thomas & Isabella Vogt

Past Events:

- Wednesday, September 14 was the CBPS open house/curriculum night + CHS Senior Parents Night
- Tuesday, September 20 was a CHS and CMS early release day
- Thursday, September 22 was CIS Curriculum Night
- Friday, September 23 was the CHS Coffee House
- Monday, September 26 there was no school for Rosh Hasanah
- Tuesday, September 27 was an early release day for all schools

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 1st will be the CHS Music Mattress Fundraiser at 10 A.M. to raise money for the Disney Trip (that's officially been confirmed as happening!)
- Wednesday, October 5th there will be no school due to Yom Kippur
- Friday, October 7th will be early release for all schools
- Monday, October 10th there will be no school due to Indigenous Peoples Day

Ongoing:

- Fall school sports teams are continuing with their seasons, some Under the Lights games included below if you're interested in attending and supporting!
- Football - Friday, September 30th
- Field Hockey - Thursday, October 6th
- Volleyball - Friday, October 7th
- Boys and Girls Soccer - Saturday, October 8th
- The high school fall play has begun and will have their anticipated performance in November

OVERNIGHT TRIP PROPOSAL – MODEL UN, *Nora Mocarski*

Social Studies Department Chair, Nora Mocarski was present and discussed the Overnight trip proposal for Model UN. She provided an in depth presentation on future trips stating that the Model UN is a fascinating experience for students and with it being so close to home – Yale – students really are encouraged to participate. They encounter experiences and collaborate with other students around the country.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *Kevin Case*

Superintendent Case provided an update on the search for the next Director of Pupil Personnel Services. He introduced Barbara McLean who has accepted the position and will start with the district sometime in November. He provided an

overview of the process for the recruitment stating that there were 10 applicants for the position with four being invited back to interview. Of the four, there were two finalists who met with the Administrators and then again with the Board before this meeting and the consensus was to choose Barbara. He thanked those who were on the interview committee for their time and volunteerism. Mr. Case read Lisa Coggin's public comment that was emailed after the September 13th meeting. It read" *Dear All - Like a new student I had a bit of anxiety about attending CHS Curriculum night. I forgot to bring my student schedule, and I had no idea where to go. By the end of the night, however, I was joking with other parents and smiling as I walked to my car thinking about all of the amazing teachers I had just met... in person... for the first time in 2 years. I really just want to thank the staff at CHS for staying so late. Having the opportunity to see a small glimpse of my child's educational experience was wonderful. We are just so lucky to have such an amazing team supporting our kids. Thank you all for all you do. This really is going to be a great year!"*

Superintendent Case thanked the Board for the time that was provided for staff for professional development; the Administrators received many emails of thanks and appreciation from staff. He ended by sharing that the 5th year of EQ Academy has kicked off with twelve staff members participating in the series. He also shared that included in the packet was correspondence from Jordan Lachtrupp, Preschool Special Education Teacher who is resigning from her position due to personal reasons.

CHAIR REPORT, Lou Daniels

None

PUBLIC FORUM (In person)

Margaret Lynch, 42 Bart Drive

It was wonderful going to the Open House this year in person. Teachers were engaging and personable and I appreciate the glimpse into my children's school day. However, I was a bit horrified by seeing what appears to be wifi routers on the ceiling of every classroom in very close proximity to our children's heads. My children have been instructed to look up and move their seat away from these toxic radiation spewing antennas. But most parents, teachers, and apparently whomever OK'd this have no clue how harmful the microwave radiation is to their health.

I have several questions to you about this:

Do you know that current FCC human exposure guidelines to RF radiation were developed back in the 1980s and adopted by the FCC in 1996. The guidelines were developed by engineers based exclusively on thermal (or heating of tissue) effects on a full-sized adult male (not women or children) and Non-thermal biological effects are not considered?

Do you know that many negative non-thermal effects from this microwave radiation include: genetic mutations, egg/sperm mutation, infertility, miscarriage, behavioral issues like ADHD/Autism/anxiety/depression, headaches, flu-like symptoms, [immune](#) system problems, hypersensitivity, opening of the blood brain barrier, and blood cell grouping?

Do you know that FCC guidelines only average the exposure over a short period of time from only one device? They are not looking at long term exposure over the course of a day, week, month, year... They also ignore cumulative readings from multiple devices open and on at once? Think about a child's classroom: multiple chromebooks, wifi routers, cell phones, bluetooth, wireless airpods, wireless printers, cell tower antenna outside in the environment... cumulatively these are going to be way over the legal limits.

And looking at legal limits: Do you know that our FCC guidelines are 100s times that over other countries including Russia and China? It's like setting a speed limit of 100 MPH in a school zone. They are not safe, and not protecting children's (or adults in the buildings) health!

Who is responsible for putting WiFi routers this close to children? Did they not do their HW? I know I have sent in a plethora of information in the past. I would have hoped it was shared with the BOE. I am handing in some information to you tonight. I've brought some letters from doctors and professors with citations from around the country warning you how awful and toxic the radiation is to our children. Who is measuring the radiation coming out of the antenna in the classrooms? What are the readings at certain desk positions? Is anyone monitoring or responsible for exposure?

What are you going to do to protect children in our buildings? What are your mitigation strategies? Do educators actively instruct kids to put tech devices in airplane mode or use best practices like powering down routers, streaming only when necessary, turning off excess antennas, keeping distance from routers when using wireless devices to limit exposure?

AND THEN I saw that Canton Officials are Looking for Suggestions from Residents on Capital Expenditures. AND I THOUGHT “Wouldn’t it be awesome if we not only teach best practices to minimize exposure BUT had our classrooms hardwired with many ports for ethernet connections using fiber optic cable with this money?” Fiber Optic is safer, faster, more reliable, and more secure. I am presenting this idea to you: Hardwire our classrooms and lower the cumulative radiation you are penetrating our children with. I’m putting into the public record an idea on creating High Performance Hard Wired Schools using ethernet connections as well as mitigation techniques to reduce the RF Radiation in our classrooms. I’m also including a legal memorandum so you are informed on potential legal consequences of exposing children to RFR from wireless devices within the school grounds.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Donna Miscikoski

D. Miscikoski provided an update on the July and August 2022 financials and also provided an in depth look of the Athletics program funding per sport, per student for all Canton school’s athletics forecasting the impact for next year. This will be used to help in the budget process to be sure all athletic programs are equitable.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION REPORT, Jon Bishop

J. Bishop provided an overview of the revised Canton School website. The district is working with Qscend to improvement the website to allow the district and community ease of navigation while enhancing the look. Staff is being trained on the website as there is a chance in some features. Trainings are being held with the vendor and the website will be ready to go live in the next month or so.

L. Daniels motioned to move into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. asking Superintendent Case to join.

K. Sullivan/R. Bush; unanimous

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

K. Sullivan/E. Hayes

CONSENT AGENDA

L. Daniels made a motion to remove the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Board of Education meeting from the consent Agenda.

P. Steinway/K. Sullivan; unanimous

The motion to “move that the Canton Board of Education approves the contracting services of JE Consulting to perform a community survey seeking input on the Superintendent search and that the Board of Education approves funding of the survey in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00; the contract to be executed by the Chair of the Board of Education” was rescinded from the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be reflected of this change.

E. Hayes/J. Scheideler; unanimous

MOTION: move that the Canton Board of Education approve the contracting services of CABA Consulting to perform a community wide survey seeking input on the Superintendent search and that the Board of Education approves funding of the survey in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

J. Scheideler/R. O’Donnell

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The draft minutes from the September 6, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

K. Sullivan/ F. Jordan; unanimous

Superintendent Case asked the Board to add Item H regarding Capital Improvement Project Budget Allocation

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education reallocate \$14,000 for Project #048.00.990-59461 Food Services FSS Replacement to Project #048.00.996.59465 CHS Tech Ed Heat Unit. Also that \$7,584 from Project #048.00.990.59460 Food Services Refrigeration Equipment be reallocated to Project #048.00.996.59465 CHS Tech Ed Heat Unit complete.

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s Proposed 2022-2023 Goals.

R. O’Donnell/R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Financials for month ending July and August 2022.
E. Hayes/J. Schiedeler; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the position of Administrative Assistant/Accounting Clerk.
P. Steinway/R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Overnight Trip Proposal for Model UN as first reading.
K. Sullivan/P. Steinway; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the purchase of nine (9) additional dash cameras for the buses at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 from the K-12 Transportation line item.
J. Scheideler/R. Bush

J. Scheideler withdrew the above motion due to discussion from L. Daniels inquiring as to why the money couldn't come out of CIP.

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the purchase of nine (9) additional dash cameras for the buses at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.
E. Hayes/R. Bush

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Canton Middle School 8th Grade overnight Trip to Washington, DC from April 26-28, 2023.

MOVE That the Canton Board of Education adjourn its September 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 9:05 p.m.
E. Hayes/ R. O'Donnell; unanimous

Respectfully submitted
Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary