

**Canton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

October 25, 2022

7:15 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Board Members:

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

Also Present:

Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools
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
Andrew Robbin, Principal of Cherry Brook Primary School
Rebecca Coiteux, Principal of Canton Intermediate School

Student Representatives:

Simone Mesas	Present (<i>left at 7:39 p.m.</i>)
Isabella Vogt	Present
Khalil Thomas	Absent

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

STUDENT REPORT,

Simone Mesa provided an overview of past and upcoming events in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *Kevin Case*

Superintendent Case stated that he attended the Symphonic concert over the past weekend and it was a fantastic performance. It was great to see kids dressed in costume while raising funds for the High School music trip to Disney. He thanked the high school guidance team for their hard work in putting together a successful college fair, stating that so much effort and coordination goes into such an event and it was very well received. He stated that there will be a Building Committee being established in combination with the Town because of the need for more space in schools per the NESDEC study. This will be a Board of Selectman appointment, but the Board of Education can make recommendations and communication will go out regarding the committee. He circled back on Chair Daniels recommendation on waiting a couple days to return to school after the Thanksgiving holiday. The district will know more about the holiday pattern in the coming weeks and that they are using FVHD as a resource; as of present, it is a wait and see approach.

CHAIR REPORT, *Lou Daniels*

Chair Daniels provided an update on the Superintendent Search stating that the district received about 400 responses. The results will be shared at a special meeting on November 9th at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM - *None*

PRESENTATIONS, *Andrew Robbins & Rebecca Coiteux*

Principal of Cherry Brook Primary School, Andrew Robbin and Principal of Canton Intermediate School, Rebecca Coiteux were present and provided presentations on their schools Capital Improvement Plans for the 2022-2023 school year.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT, *Donna Miscikoski*

D. Miscikoski stated that the State of Connecticut is offering a funding opportunity for schools in need of Heating, Ventilation and air conditions (HVAC) upgrades. Public Act 22-118 authorizes a new grant program to provide up to \$150 million for school HVAC system upgrades. All School Districts are eligible with extra consideration for Districts that have a significant financial need. HVAC projects will be funded on a sliding scale, with reimbursement ranging up to 80% of eligible costs. The grant application is due by December 1, 2022. Tonight she is requesting that the Board provide Superintendent Case the ability to apply for the Grant.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION REPORT, *Jon Bishop*

J. Bishop provided an overview of the pandemic and went over the latest trends in the Canton School District, stating that as of October 24th there were a total of 29 COVID cases. The pandemic is not the same as last year at this time and it is still in a downward trend.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

F. Jordan/ J. Schiedeler; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault.

R. O'Donnell/E. Hayes; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 5145.511- Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Programs.

F. Jordan/ K. Sullivan; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 5144.4- Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students.

J. Schiedeler/E. Hayes; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 4113.12 – Minimum Duty Free Lunch Periods for Teachers.

R. O'Donnell/ K. Sullivan; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education authorize Superintendent Kevin D. Case to apply for the State of Connecticut HVAC grant.

J. Schiedeler/F. Jordan; unanimous

L. Daniels made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for a Personnel Matter inviting Superintendent Case to join at 9:51 p.m.

E. Hayes/R. O'Donnell; unanimous

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:02 p.m.

F. Jordan/E. Hayes; unanimous

MOTION: Move to eliminate the position of Director of Learning & Innovation and appoint Mr. Jon Bishop as Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective December 1, 2022, authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Mr. Bishop.

P. Steinway/ R. O'Donnell; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education adjourn its October 25, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 10:03 p.m.

E. Hayes/ R. O'Donnell; unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary