

**Canton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

October 11, 2022 7:15 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

Board Members:

Lou Daniels	Present
Felicia Jordan	Present
Russell Bush	Present
Peggy Steinway	Absent
Cindy Moeller	Virtual
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

Student Representatives:

Simone Mesas	Present
Isabella Vogt	Present

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 & Isabella Vogt

Past Events:

- Saturday, October 1st was the successful CHS Music Mattress Fundraiser at to raise money for the Disney Trip
- Wednesday, October 5th there was no school due to Yom Kippur
- Friday, October 7th was an early release for all schools
- Monday, October 10th there was no school due to Indigenous Peoples Day

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, October 12th is CBPS Picture Day
- Wednesday, October 12th is CHS PSATS
- Tuesday, October 18th will be a half day for CMS and CHS
- Saturday, October 22nd will be the Disney Dazzle concert to fundraise for the Disney trip

Ongoing:

- Fall school sports teams are continuing with their seasons
- Students involved in the high school fall play, Alice in Wonderland, are preparing for their performance in November, dates provided below!
- Thursday, November 10th, 7 pm
- Friday, November 11th, 7 pm
- Saturday, November 12th, 12 pm ~\$10 for adults, \$8 for students

PTO Reports

Cherry Brook PTO President, Jamie Niemann wrote in an email that was read by Chair Daniels. I am unable to attend tonight's BOE meeting but here are some of October's updates for CBPS! We are hosting our 2nd annual classroom pumpkin decorating contest the last week in October, winners will be announced on Friday, Oct 28. Our Cherrydale fundraiser kicks off this month as well. This is a significant fundraiser for the PTO. We had our first meeting for the Children's Fair this month and are excited to begin the preparations for this huge community event on June 2, 2023.

Ryan O'Donnell read an email from Whitney O'Donnell, CIS PTO President – He shared there is a fundraiser at Chipotle and that 33% of all event sales go to the CIS PTO. There is also a code XVXL98A for online orders. Freight Night is an event that all look forward to and they are happy to share that it is being held again this year.

Andrea Barber, CMS PTO President was present and provided the following update: Thank you to the Board of Education for the opportunity to update the community on the Canton Middle School PTO. Since our last update, our PTO has grown from 40 to 58 members. Thank you to our families for their support. We keep our members engaged and informed with a welcome letter upon joining, updates in the weekly CMS newsletter, our own upcoming newsletter, monthly

meetings, and frequent posts to our Canton Middle School PTO facebook page. Our goal is to reach 100 members this year! In September, we partnered with family-owned, local Gresczyk Farm on our 2nd annual Fall mum fundraiser. We were happy to receive orders for 250 mum plants. We recruited about a dozen volunteers and packed our vehicles to pick up from Gresczyk Farm and deliver to CMS. As an expression of appreciation, we raffled one of the mums to a CMS staff member – won by Science teacher Forrest Zirpolo, as well as one to a CMS PTO member – won by Jennifer Violette.

Our 2nd annual Student vs. Staff Soccer Game is planned for November 3rd at the middle/high school turf from 6-7pm under the lights. We will be sending out a google form to families this week to sign student players up. A sign up for teachers was sent out at the beginning of October. We are inviting the middle school band to play the National Anthem and Student Council members to sell concessions. We are partnering with a local Girl Scout troop to collect non-perishable items (as admission) for the Canton Food bank. We have parent volunteers lined up to participate as coaches, refs, and DJs.

We are currently collecting new and gently used Puzzles & Board Games for CMS students to use during flex and study halls. The collection will be maintained in the Canton Middle School library. Last year, the Canton Public Library's teen librarian partnered with our school librarians in this initiative. It was a success, so the opportunity will be offered again this year. We have collected around 40 games and puzzles to date and will be dropping them off to the school this week. We have November conference week lunches and treats planned for our entire teaching team and ALL CMS staff. We plan to run a Canton Middle School apparel sale this Fall to promote school spirit. We continue to support teacher requests for items that enhance the learning experience of students, and discuss and vote on those items at our monthly meetings or as needed. We would like to share a short video that we put together for Curriculum Night, highlighting some of the events we organize and support at Canton Middle School. Thank you for your time tonight! Mrs. Barber also shared a video on all the initiatives that CMS has been a part of.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

J. Scheideler and E. Hayes provided updates on their committees that meet monthly. The Policy committee be focusing on several policies that require updating due to the State Legislature changes and updating of current policies. Policy Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the week prior to the BOE meeting. Curriculum committee has been working on Forefront/Link it programs, experiential learning experiences, monitoring Social Studies Curriculum, focusing on middle school's needs. The Curriculum committee meets during the day to allow for student, teacher participation. Chair Daniels reminded the board that anyone is welcome to attend any Board Sub Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *Kevin Case*

Superintendent Case shared that he along with Principal DiPippo and Asst. Principal, Dr. Ruth Kidwell met with the Board of Education Student Representatives for the first meeting of the year. They will be meeting several times a year and reporting on what is happening at other schools and shared how valuable student input is when developing policies. He shared that the new Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara McLean will be starting on November 14th. Laura O'Donnell, interim Director is doing a great job and will be a part of the transition. Once Mrs. McLean starts, Barbara will become a Supervisor for elementary grades. He shared his progress on his goals and that he has been working in collaboration with Administrators on Student Achievement where presentations from two Administrators will be provided. He also shared that the first Community Gathering of this school year will be held on November 30th from 7-9:00 p.m. Superintendent Case shared that there is Communications part time position available – district wide to help with public relations and to contract him if there is interest in the position. Justine Ginsberg will be present in November for a presentation on Anti-bullying – what to do when bullying occurs. The presentation will be held on November 14th. Also provided an overview on the reading program at the elementary level. There are a total of 5 approved programs – unfortunately, Canton's program is not one of the five. Of 122 districts surveyed, only 12 districts use one of the 5 programs. The Foundations program is on the list, which Canton has purchased and they have decided to hold off on Teachers College until the district hears back from the State.

CHAIR REPORT, *Lou Daniels*

Chair Daniel shared that the Superintendent's survey that went out by CABE has returned 175 responses so far. He encouraged the student reps and BOE members to share the survey. He inquired on the Warrior logo and how to move forward as currently the logo is just a C. Next steps on the logo will be discussed at the next Student Rep meeting. He also shared that there will be a building committee set up and that he would like to see COVID reports again as we come into the winter months. He also mentioned that delayed openings after Thanksgiving and asked the BOE to think about that.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

FINANCIAL REPORT, Donna Miscikoski

D. Miscikoski provided an update on the month end September 2022 financials. L. Daniels shared that financials will be done on a quarterly basis to allow for a more concrete data analysis.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION REPORT, Jon Bishop

J. Bishop shared about the October 7th Professional Development Day and said it was time well spent and appreciated the Board for the time allowed to the teachers. He shared about the website design and that all admins have been trained on the website and the launch date is still set for October 31st. He shared about his coaching cabinet and the Think Tank Safety meeting which was a collaboration of School and Town Safety Personnel.

L. Daniels made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for a Personnel Matter inviting Superintendent Case to join at 8:36 p.m.

R. Bush/J. Scheideler; unanimous

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:52p.m.

K. Sullivan/R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education adjourn its October 11, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 8:53 p.m.

E. Hayes/ R. O'Donnell; unanimous

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

The draft minutes from the September 28, 2022 regular and special meetings along with the draft minutes of the September 13th amended meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

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

F. Jordan/ J. Schiedeler; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Financials for month ending September 2022.

R. O'Donnell/ R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Overnight Trip Proposal for Model UN.

E. Hayes/ K. Sullivan; unanimous

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

J. Schiedeler/E. Hayes; unanimous

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

J. Schiedeler/E. Hayes; unanimous

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

J. Schiedeler/E. Hayes; unanimous

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

J. Schiedeler/E. Hayes; unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary