

**Canton Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

September 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

Board Members:

Lou Daniels	Present
Felicia Jordan	Present
Russell Bush	Present
Peggy Steinway	Absent
Cindy Moeller	Present
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
Dean & Steve Martel, Martel Bus Transportation
Christopher Arciero, Police Chief
Abe Ammary, K-6 Science and Math Coordinator
Kristy Johnson, Language Arts Coordinator

Student Representatives:

Simone Mesas	Present
Khalil Thomas	Absent
Isabella Vogt	Absent

L. Daniels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Simone Mesa, student representative, led the Pledge of Alliance. Chair Daniels stated that the format of the meetings going forward will be a little different allowing a public forum at the end of the meeting so that the public has the opportunity to express comments after hearing Chair and Superintendent's report.

INTRODUCTION OF CERTIFIED STAFF

Administrators from each of the corresponding schools were present and introduced the certified staff in their schools. A small meet and greet reception was had with the staff that was present, allowing the Board of Education to introduce themselves. L. Daniels welcomed them to the district.

STUDENT REPORT, Simone Mesa

Past Events:

- The kindergarten had their meet & greet on Wednesday, August 24
- CMS 7th grade orientation was held Wednesday, August 24
- CBPS Grades 1-3 had their meet and greet on Friday, August 26
- CMS PTO Lobster Loop took place on Sunday, August 28
- On Monday, August 29 the district began their first day of school
- Friday, September 2 the CMS and CHS had picture day

Upcoming Events:

- Class of 2023 Flatbread Fundraiser Tonight
- CHS Coffee House September 23, we highly encourage you to come support! (Acts as a fundraiser for the Orlando Trip)
- All the high school clubs are beginning their first meetings between this and next week
- Wednesday, September 14 is the CBPS open house/curriculum night + CHS Senior Parents Night
- Tuesday, September 20 is a CHS and CMS early release day
- Thursday, September 22 will be CIS Curriculum Night
- Monday, September 26 there will be no school for Rosh Hasanah

Ongoing Events:

- All students are back in school
- School sports are beginning their first games of the season
- Student Ambassadors

PTO REPORTS – PTO Presidents from each of the Schools provided updates on the initiatives being held at each school. Jaimie Niemann, Cherry Brook Primary School (virtual), Andrea Barber and Julie Forte, Canton Middle School and Whitney O'Donnell, CIS (virtual). The Board of Education commended them on their dedication to the students and families of Canton and shared that the district would not be what it is without their help. Chair Daniels shared that they are welcome at any time to provide updates and details on school events.

CANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC.

Principal, Jeffrey Moore was present to discuss the upcoming trip to Washington DC for 8th graders scheduled for April 26th through April 28th. Cost per student is \$628. The Board stated that the trip was a great trip that has been held over the years and aligns with the 8th grade curriculum. Chair Daniels stated just as with any other trip offered by the school, he wants any child who wants to go to be able to go.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION REPORT

Jon Bishop provided a Summer Learning Update – He provided the update on the K-5 Learning Academy, CHS Credit Recovery and CHS Pathways along with future opportunities. Abe Ammary and Kristy Johnson were present at the meeting and they elaborated on the typical day stating that kids enjoyed the summer academy and even in the summer months loved the structure and routine. It provided confidence for the children while celebrating small successes. A successful summer program!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Case spoke about the smooth transition of opening another school year. He shared his convocation experience stating that Wellness is the focus this year. Convocation consisted of health and wellness vendors and a lunch for all staff provided by Moe's. Concerns have arisen about bus safety and Superintendent Case stated that the ultimate goal is to get students to school and home safely. Both Dean & Steve Martel were present to elaborate on the combined efforts of both Martel transportation and the Board of Education. Mr. Martel stated that he purchased one camera at a cost of approximately \$600 for one of the buses. Once that one has been assembled and connected, he will move forward with the rest of the buses. Canton Board of Education will place cameras in all but four buses due to the cost of those busses needing to be retrofitted. The Board inquired on a cost estimate to see where additional funds could be located to possibly add the additional cameras to the remaining buses. There was also discussion regarding an additional position in Central Office – an Office Clerk that will help the Business Manager but will also be a part of the central office team to help when needed. This employee would help with day to day tasks that the office may need, allowing for cross training in many areas. The Board of Education was in full support of an additional member of Central Office as presently the office is understaffed; the position will be funded 50% by an annual grant.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Daniels shared the date for the Tri-board meeting scheduled for October 17th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will consist of the BOE, BOF and BOS. He also shared the updated Committee Meeting schedule which will be held prior to the BOE meetings, with the exception of Curriculum as that committee must meet during the school day to allow for students and staff to participate.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lisa Coggins, 13 Daynard Drive

Mrs. Coggins wanted to thank Dean Martel, Lou Daniels and the entire Board of Education and Superintendent Case on the swift action on the school bus concern. She wanted to extend her sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone that was heard this evening. She did have an inquiry on Google classroom, but will address that another time.

Mike Forte, Canton/Granby Bears Collaborative Football

Mr. Forte thanked the Board for what they do – football has never been better in Canton. The flag program has 400 members and the co-op with Granby is great! They were class M two years in a row with an upcoming game in Windsor on 9/30. The Co-op is made up of 20 Canton players of which, 6 are from Hartford. Mr. Forte is looking for help with the program as the program exists based on pure parent funding. There is little paid by Canton Athletic budget. Bus alone is a large cost to endure. The parents pay for food, fundraising, fees. Do soccer families pay for buses? He is requesting help and to have the Board of Education take a look at how the football is being funded and if we want football to be a part of Canton. The Board asked the Athletic Director for a comparison on how the funding compares to other sports and that having equity and parity is important. Also were curious on how Granby funds the program.

SUPERINTENDENT S GOALS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Case reviewed his goals for the current school year focusing on four key areas: Achievement, Health and Safety, Building Maintenance and Infrastructure, Policy. *(Full list of goals are available in Central office)*

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

The draft minutes from the August 23, 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; vote was unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the job description for the position of Student & Family Engagement Coordinator.

J. Schiedeler/F. Jordan; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the overnight trip proposal to Orlando scheduled for April 13-17, 2023.

E. Hayes/F. Jordan; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Canton Middle School 8th grade overnight trip to Washington, DC from April 26-28, 2023 as a first reading.

K. Sullivan/J. Schiedeler; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the job description for the position of Central Office Clerk.

R. O'Donnell/F. Jordan; unanimous

MOTION: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Proposed 2022-2023 Goals as a first reading.

E. Hayes/R. Bush; unanimous

L. Daniels motioned to move into Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. asking Superintendent Case to join.

K. Sullivan/R. Bush; unanimous

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:46 p.m.

L. Daniels motioned 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.

R. Bush/ J. Schiedeler; vote was unanimous

The above motion was removed from the Consent Agenda at the 9/28/2022 Board of Education Meeting and the motion was rescinded. E. Hayes/J. Schiedeler; unanimous.

MOVE That the Canton Board of Education adjourn its September 13, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 9:47 p.m.

E. Hayes/ R. Bush; unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary