# **Canton Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 7, 2022 7:15 p.m. **Hybrid Meeting** 

**Board Members: Also Present:** 

Lou Daniels Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools Present Felicia Jordan Virtual Kyra Lefebvre, Information Technology Russell Bush Present

Jon Bishop, Director of Learning & Innovation

Peggy Steinway Donna Miscikoski, Asst to the Superintendent for Financial Affairs Virtual

Cindy Moeller Absent Claudia Nardi. Asst to the Superintendent of Schools Ryan O'Donnell Present Jeffrey Moore, Principal of Canton High School

Erika Hayes Present Joseph Scheideler Present

Kim Sullivan Present (7:17p.m.)

## **Student Representatives:**

Simone Mesas Absent Isabella Vogt Absent

Khalil Thomas Absent (left at 7:57p.m.)

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, Kevin Case

Superintendent Case stated that he attended the Hartford Area Superintendent's Meeting with J. Bishop. It was an insightful meeting as it focuses on district safety. The meeting has reaffirmed that the Canton School District is up to date in its safety protocols and the Safety Plan is update to as well. The meeting did speak to the value of School Resource Officers. He provided special thanks to Cecile Mancini on the Collins Chapter National Honor Society Ceremony. It was a wonderful ceremony honoring students. He also stated the district is pleased to announce that Coach Timothy O' Donnell is received the honor of Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year from CHSCA. Superintendent Case also spoke to the Veteran's Day Ceremony's happening in the district. He had the opportunity to visit the American Mural Project on a field trip earlier in the week which was insightful and a wonderful opportunity. He states that there are three (3) applicants for the Student/Engagement Director position and that interviews are being held on Thursday this week – all look to be outstanding candidates. He offered congratulations to Kyra Lefebvre for her additional responsibilities of Communication Coordinator. He mentioned two events this week - Welcome event for Choice Students and their families, Alice nad Wonderland presentation coming up and a Bullying presentation with Justine Ginsberg being held on Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

## **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. He stated that he would like to see a Board of Education liaison be instituted - a liaison to help communication among schools and Board Members.

### **PUBLIC FORUM - None**

## PRESENTATIONS, Jeffrey Moore

Principal of Canton Middle School, Jeffrey Moore was present and provided presentations on his schools Capital Improvement Plans for the 2022-2023 school year.

### BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT, Donna Miscikoski

D. Miscikoski provided an overview on the request to reallocate funds from CBPS Tile Flooring replacement to fund the Canton High School Generator Project. The CBPS Flooring Project is deemed complete. An additional \$248.65 should be moved from the CIP Building Projects to fully fund the Generator Project.

# **DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION REPORT, Jon Bishop**

J. Bishop provided an overview of the Professional Development days, website update and PE collaboration/ training with surrounding districts for a regionalized resource. He shared an update on the Reading Program Legislation and that he intends to participate in a CREC review of the six (6) approved reading programs along with Kathy Watson. He shared his curriculum update on working with First Selectman, Robert Bessel on the historical aspect of Canton.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

**CONSENT AGENDA** 

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

R. Bush/ K. Sullivan; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 5141.3 – Health Assessments and Immunizations as a first reading.

## J. Scheideler/R. Bush;1 opposed; 1abstained;

Discussion: R. O'Donnell reiterated his opposition on the motion based on the state's failure to provide alternative education options for students and believes its unconstitutional that they have to choose between religion and going to school.

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve Policy 5141.213 - Opioid Overdose Prevention as a first reading.

E. Hayes/J. Scheideler; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education reallocate \$9,271.35 from Project #048.00.992.59458 CBPS Tile Flooring replacement to fund Project #048.00.996.59457 CHS Generator Project.

R. Bush/E. Hayes; Unanimous

MOTION: The CBPS Flooring Project is deemed complete. An additional \$248.65 should be moved from Project #048.00.990.59455 CIP Building Projects to fully fund Project #048.00.996.59457 CHS Generator Project.

R. O'Donnell/F. Jordan: unanimous

L. Daniels made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for a Personnel Matter inviting Superintendent Case and Director of Learning & Innovation, Jon Bishop to join at 8:57 p.m.

R. Bush/ E. Hayes; unanimous

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:22 p.m.

F. Jordan/P. Steinway; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Canton Board of Education and Local 1303-304 of Council 4 AFSME, AFL-CIO (School Secretary's)

R. O'Donnell/F. Jordan; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education adjourn its October 25, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 9:23 p.m.

F. Jordan/P. Steinway; unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary