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CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Opening Minds ~ Transforming Lives

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – HYBRID

January 10, 2023 – 7:15 p.m.
Canton Community Center, Room F
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton CT

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|------------|--|--------------------|
| 7:15-7:20 | I. CALL TO ORDER – <i>Lou Daniels, Chair</i> | |
| | II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – <i>Isabella Vogt, Khalil Thomas, Simone Mesa</i> | |
| 7:20-7:40 | III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS | EXHIBIT I |
| | A. Election of Chair
(<i>Chair turns gavel to Superintendent; Superintendent calls for nomination of Chair, seconds vote</i>) | |
| | B. Election of Vice Chair | |
| | C. Election of Secretary | |
| 7:40-7:55 | IV. INFORMATION & REPORTS | |
| | a. Student Report – <i>Isabella Vogt, Khalil Thomas, Simone Mesa</i> | |
| | b. Superintendent Report – <i>Kevin Case</i> | |
| | c. BOE Chair Report – <i>Lou Daniels</i> | |
| | • <i>Submittal of Zoning Regulation Amendment</i> | |
| | V. PUBLIC FORUM <i>Comments are limited to three (3) minutes</i> | |
| 8:00-8:20 | VI. PRESENTATIONS | |
| | a. Presentation on School Counseling Initiatives, <i>Deborah Schwager</i> | EXHIBIT II |
| 8:20-8:35 | VII. INFORMATION & REPORTS CONTINUED | |
| | a. Assistant Superintendent of Schools- <i>Jon Bishop</i> | |
| | b. Business Manager Report – <i>Donna Miscikoski</i> | EXHIBIT III |
| | • <i>Financials for December 2022</i> | |
| | • <i>FY 21-22 Audit Report</i> | |
| | • <i>Review of Draft CIP</i> | |
| 8:35- 8:45 | VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION | |
| | a. Consent Agenda | EXHIBIT IV |
| | • <i>Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2022</i> | |
| | • <i>Approval of Grants in the amount of \$3,181 – Canton Education Foundation</i> | |
| | b. Final Approval of 22-23 Program of Studies | EXHIBIT V |
| | c. Approval of Submittal of Zoning Regulation Amendment | EXHIBIT VI |
| | d. Approval of December 2022 Financials | EXHIBIT VII |
| | IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS | |
| 8:45 | X. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION | |
| | a. Superintendent Search | |

EXHIBIT I

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: Election of Officers

DISCUSSION:

Section 9110 indicates that all officers of the Board shall hold office for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and have qualified.

Section 9120 indicates that the officers of the Board shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary who shall be elected annually by the Board at its regular meeting in December.

Section 9132 indicates that standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair following the election of officers each year.

EXHIBIT II

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: Presentation of School Counseling Initiatives

Deborah Schwager, Director of School Counseling will present on the Districts School Counseling Initiatives.



CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL COUNSELING

Deborah Schwager
Director of School Counseling

Semester One Updates

January 10, 2023

Fall 2022: Curriculum, Programs and Activities



School Counseling Focus Areas	Fall Curriculum	Fall Programs/Events
● “First Responders” ● Standards-Driven ○ National/State ○ ASCA/CSCA ● Domains ○ Academic, Career, Social/Emotional ● Responsibilities ○ “Guaranteed Experiences” ○ Responsive Services ○ Leadership/Advocacy ○ Equity ○ Collaboration ○ Systemic Change/Accountability	● Grade 9: Tools for Success ○ Self-knowledge/self-awareness ■ How to set goals and meet them ■ How/when/where to ask for help ● Grade 10: Finding My Fit ○ Quarter Check Ins ○ Choices/Results ● Grade 11: Planning for the Future ○ Self-assessment ■ Developing a “right fit” plan ■ Gaining individual confidence ■ Time/priority management ● Grade 12: Plans into Action ○ “Vision of a Graduate” ■ Managing responsibilities ■ Independence	● Senior Parents’ Night ● College Fair ● Application Days ● CT Career and College Pathways ● College Knowledge Night ● How to Pay for College ● Tunxis/NWCC Application Day

Social-Emotional Health/Student Needs



Survey Feedback

Students Want the Most Help with:

- 70%: Anxiety
- 40%: Creating a College List
- 28%: Personal/Peer Concerns
- 24%: Finding a career/vocation

Students want individual help...

...but many say they *prefer not to talk about personal concerns at school*, although these concerns impact them at school.*

Solutions/Interventions

- Early Identification and Response
 - Freshman survey
 - Identify/meet with students who need support
- Curriculum Development
 - Individual meetings/all students
 - Pre/Post surveys for each grade level
 - “real time” check-ins
 - Career Planning
 - Econ/Finance Collaboration
 - Canton Mastery Project Collaboration
 - Junior meetings, events, Jumpstart

Progress Points

Increased Accessibility: Calendly appointments, virtual parent meetings

Survey Data/Student Responses:

*Discussing personal issues: 2017: 24% comfortable. 2022: 53% comfortable “always” or “most of the time”

Discussing academic issues: 2017: 65% comfortable. 2022: 85% comfortable “always” or “most of the time”

Class of 2022: Post High School Plans/Outcomes



Outcomes

72%: 4 year college
12%: 2 year college
13%: Unknown/Undecided
2%: Career/Technical Education
1%: "Year Off"

Exit Survey Highlights

63%: Got into first choice
19%: Got into second choice
26%: Grants/Scholarships influenced decision
51%: Wished I'd started my application sooner
52%: Wished I'd visited more colleges

*Parents/campus visits/counselor meetings
"most important"*

Notable Trends

- Increased overall numbers of applications
- More in-state applications
- Shifting perceptions
 - Cost/Value/ROI
- CHS most popular intended majors
 - Business/Marketing
 - Finance!
 - Data Science/Stats/Analytics
 - Pre-health
 - Engineering/Tech/Comp Sci
 - Psychology/Social Sciences
- Increased enrollment in UCONN ECE courses
- Desire for more college credit opportunities
- Major changes in CT university system options and opportunities

Vision of a Graduate: Emerging Opportunities for CHS Grads



- [Connecticut State Colleges & Universities](#) (CSCU)
 - Revamped, includes all 2 yr/4yr publics
 - PACT/free community college/certificates
 - Centralized application
 - Streamlined pathways online/in person
 - Ease of transfer to four year (including UCONN)
- Connecticut Auto Admit Program
 - CSU schools (not UCONN)
 - State-determined GPA threshold
 - Free, simplified application
- College Credit for High School Students
 - UCONN/ECE
 - Tunxis Community College

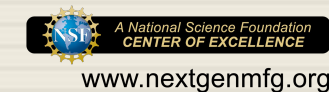


EXHIBIT IV

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consists of the meeting minutes from the December 13, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

It also consists of four (4) Grant Donations from the Canton Education Foundation totaling \$3,181.

Attached is the detail that make up the grant donation amount of \$3,181.

Recommended Action:

MOVE: That the Canton Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

**Canton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

December 13, 2022 7:15 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

Board Members:

Lou Daniels	Absent
Felicia Jordan	Present
Russell Bush	Present
Peggy Steinway	Present
Cindy Moeller	Present
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
Bill Latz, Health Management Systems of America

Student Representatives:

Simone Mesas	Present
Isabella Vogt	Present
Khalil Thomas	Absent

Felicia Jordan, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Alliance. F. Jordan provided K. Lefebvre and C. Nardi with kind words of appreciation on behalf of the Board. I. Vogt led the Pledge of Alliance.

Superintendent Case stated that according to the Canton Board of Education bylaw #9120, The Officers of the Board shall be the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary who shall be elected annually by the Board at its regular meeting in December. Due to the full membership not being present this evening, it is recommended that the Board of Education suspend Board of Education Bylaw #9120 through January 31, 2023. This would require a 2/3 vote by Board of Education members present. This would allow the election of the Board of Education officers to occur at a later date on January 10th.

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education suspend Board of Education bylaw #9120 through January 31, 2023.

P. Steinway/R. Bush; unanimous

PUBLIC FORUM – Casey Levine, 51 Bristol Drive, Canton (Via email)

My name is Casey Levine and I have been the treasurer of Friends of Canton Football for nearly 4 years. I joined the board when my son was in 8th grade and looking forward to playing high school football and being a Canton Warrior. I was there in April 2019, when FOCF was informed that Canton had found the co-op they had been seeking, just not how they had envisioned. FOCF knew that football numbers had been declining and to ensure a safe, fun and successful team, joining forces with another town would be required. Of course, the hope was that a town would be joining us on our field - that Canton would be the host school. That wasn't in the cards, but we trusted that the administration had worked hard and joining with Granby on their turf was going to be the best solution. We put our full support behind that plan, though uncertain of what the future would hold. The 2019 Fall season was quite successful. Our varsity team made the playoffs and the JV team was undefeated. The players really bonded and that has only gotten stronger as the years go on. And every year we have had a season since then (2020 withstanding), we have continued to make the playoffs.

A lot has changed since FOCF formed and was successful in getting football back in Canton in 2006. We have less players, and therefore less parents to do all the work required to fund the program. Don't get me wrong – many of our current parents are just as passionate as our founders, there are just far less of them. When football came back to Canton, FOCF paid for everything - coaches, referees, equipment, busses to away games, and every little cost you could imagine (including, for a time, funding the newly added Girls Lacrosse team). The Canton Board of Ed was generous to fund the equivalent of one JV coach salary beginning about 5-6 years ago, but FOCF still pays the balance. Our costs have changed with the co-op. Now instead of explicitly paying for coaches and refs and equipment, we pay a "per player" fee to Granby to cover all those costs. In addition, because our players travel to Granby 6 days a week during the season, we also fully fund the bus that takes them to / from. This additional cost is incurred solely because we are not the host school and therefore has nothing to do with the actual cost to run a football program. Our FOCF executive board met with Mr. DiPippo and Mrs. Hirth to request funding of the bus to/from Granby for the season be added to their athletic budget. We understand this is a tall ask. We also know that not having football as a Fall sport option would be detrimental to so many

of our young men. The skills they learn on and off the field and the sheer amount of time and effort they put into this sport year-round is a real foundation for their future.

Mike Forte, Canton/Granby Bears Football

Football in Canton has never been better, the programs are growing and thriving and the future of football looks promising. There is a total of 52 players with 8 great coaches, but coops and football programs are not easy and the football team has large costs, of which \$15,000 is spent on transportation with a total cost of \$34,000 to fund the program. The Athletic department provides \$4,000 to football. The reality for the future is co-ops. All three communities make for a very good team – fundraising has been an issue, concession stand is great but the funds go to the Canton High School booster club and the one large fundraiser that is typically had was rained out, so much money was lost. He is here tonight to request that Transportation be paid for through the budget process as it is for other sports such as soccer.

Svetlana Sandal, Elizabeth Road – Shared a Winter festival reminder and also stated that Senora Traub and some of her students went to Simsbury last week to work on a community project, Healing Meals, but unfortunately there wasn't many students who volunteered from Canton and she was wondering how more students/adults could get involved in such a great project.

Student Report

Past Events:

- Saturday, November 12th were Highschool Northern Regionals Festival Auditions- congratulations to Nikolai Markkanen, Cayleigh Trainor and Isabella Vogt, Grace Asmar, and Lauren Marze for acceptance!
- Tuesday November 15-Thursday the 17th were conferences for all schools
- Monday, November 21st was the CHS Instrumental Concert
- Wednesday, November 23rd was early release for all schools
- There was no school Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving recess
- Tuesday, November 29th was CHS Jr. Night
- Wednesday, November 30th was the CHS Choral Concert
- Friday, December 2nd Model UN students took their trip to UHart
- Tuesday, December 6th will be early release for all schools
- Wednesday, December 7th will be CHS Four-Year College Night
- Thursday, December 8th was the CMS 7th grade winter concert
- Saturday, December 10th was the CBPS PTO Gingerbread House Event

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, December 14th will be the CIS Grade 6 Winter Concert
- Friday, December 16th is the CMS Student Council Winter Dance
- Friday, December 23rd will be a half day for all schools
- Monday, December 26th - Monday, January 2nd will be the district wide Holiday Recess
- Thursday, January 5th will be the CHS Astronomy Night

Ongoing:

- We hope that everyone has a wonderful Winter break, happy holidays!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, Kevin Case

Superintendent Case provided an update on a recommended program that he would like to bring to the School District. It's Mental Health Support for Canton Middle and High School Students. This support will be paid for by ARPA funds that have been put aside for students to help support social and emotional health. He shared a summary of the Student Assistance program and a representative from the company was present at the meeting to provide additional insight regarding the program. Focus of the program is to provide confidential, free support for student including unlimited coaching sessions via zoom and 24/7 crisis support access to clinicians. The program is completely voluntary and is designed to help students with personal, family or school related concerns. The company is called Health Management Systems of America and if approved, the effective date of the program for middle/high school students will be January 1, 2023. Superintendent Case also spoke about the NEASC visit that was held in early December stating how impressed the committees were with the High School and he thanked all involved to make the visit a great experience for the district. Was very impressed by the quality of work the students were doing and the quality of teaching that was observed as well as the CAMP projects that they reviewed. The committee will write up the report that will be shared with the Board at a later date. Lastly, he shared that the next Community Conversation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will take place on January 18, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m. This will be the first, in a series of focus groups.

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Case provided an overview on the latest State of Connecticut Department of Education Accountability Index Report, focusing on the twelve indicators which make up the report.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jon Bishop

J. Bishop provided an overview on the website update and provided special thanks to his assistant Lynn Young, Claudia Nardi, Kyra Lefebvre, Robin Nardini and all the support staff at the schools for their help to get this accomplished. He stated that there is a new button on the website that provides the opportunity for the public to provide website feedback. He shared that the Security RFP has gone out and that process is underway with a selection done prior to the end of the month to be able to support the safety of our schools. Also shared that there will be second community workshop hosted by Justine Ginsburg entitled “Social Media and the Minds of our Children” is scheduled for February 1st. March 8th will be the second workshop of the series and will focus on the “Anxious Child”. Lastly, Mr. Bishop shared an overview of the 2023-2024 Program of Studies as a first reading.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

J. Scheideler/E. Hayes; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve the 2023 Board of Education meeting dates.

K. Sullivan/R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Program of Studies as a first reading.

J. Scheideler/R.O'Donnell; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve to accept the proposal by Health Management Systems of America to provide Mental Health Support to Canton's Middle and High Schoolers beginning on January 1, 2023.

P. Steinway/C. Moeller; R. O'Donnell and R. Bush apposed. (6-2)

Discussion: R. O'Donnell had a concern about the clinician's certifications and feels that as Board members, they have a responsibility to be able to answer questions about the program offering. He would love if there were something else that we can offer students such as meditation, yoga rather than students just pushing a button. K. Sullivan shared she has the same concerns as R. O'Donnell, but voted yes because the student reps advocated for the program. R. Bush stated he is all for it, but it seems to be brought to the board rather quickly with no real chance to review. J. Scheideler shared that he has some concerns, but trusts Superintendent Case has reviewed the proposed program and shared that he concurs with Ryan as he asked great questions.

Superintendent Case stated that he hasn't found any other program that would benefit our students. He will measure the utilization of services and if students aren't taking advantage of the program, the contract will be ended. He stated that utilization records will be reviewed monthly. R. O'Donnell asked that the contract be amended to state that specific language. Superintendent Case stated that he will work on that piece.

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education move into Executive Session inviting Superintendent Case and Assistant Superintendent Jon Bishop. (9:26 p.m.)

E. Hayes/R. Bush; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education exit Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

R. Bush/C. Moeller; unanimous

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education adjourn its December 13, 2022 Board of Education meeting at 9:41 p.m.

R. O'Donnell/R. Bush; unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sullivan, Board Secretary

Louis M. Daniels, President
Canton Education Foundation
P.O. Box 664
Canton, CT 06019

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Canton Public Schools

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December 29, 2022

Mr. Kevin Case
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Case

The Canton Education Foundation has approved 4 grant requests totaling \$3181. They are:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Art Show for CIS | \$581 |
| 2. Book Club for CHS | \$500 |
| 3. Start-up Choir for CBPS | \$1600 |
| 4. Trolley equipment | \$500 |

Please accept this check for \$3181 to provide necessary funding.

The CEF Board is excited to see the progress you make with these worthy initiatives and look forward to future updates.

Best of luck to our teachers and students!

Sincerely,



Louis M. Daniels, President
Canton Education Foundation

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EXHIBIT V

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Program of Studies

Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jon Bishop provided an overview of the 2023-2024 Program of Studies at the previous meeting dated 12/13/2022. Tonight I am asking that you please approve the 2023-2024 Program of Studies.

MOTION: that the Canton Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Program of Studies.

EXHIBIT VI

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: Submittal of Zoning Regulation Amendment

Earlier this evening, Board Chair Lou Daniels spoke about electronic signage. Current Planning and Zoning regulations (7.3B) unfortunately does not allow for electronic digital signage.

Tonight I am asking the board to approve the submittal of a Zoning Regulation Amendment to the Canton Planning and Zoning Commission, to incorporate language to allow for digital electronic signage under section 7.3B of the Canton Zoning regulation. (*Similar language may need to be added to section 7.3C – Signs in residence districts as well.*) The digital sign would be placed at the Canton Middle/High School located at 76 Simmonds Avenue.

Attached is the Zone Change Application Form ready for submittal along with a memo that was shared with the Commission on the intent of usage of digital signage in Canton.

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education submit a Zone Change Application for a Zoning Regulation Amendment to the Canton Planning and Zoning Commission, to incorporate language that would allow for digital electronic signage under section 7.3B and 7.3C of the Canton Zoning regulations.



TOWN OF CANTON

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PO Box 168
Canton, CT 06019

Land Use Department

(860) 693-7856
(860) 693-7884 (fax)

Introduction

Definitions

Residential (R)
Districts

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OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICATION # _____ FILE # _____ FEE AMOUNT: _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ PAID Y / N _____

APPROVED Y / N _____

Zoning Official _____

Date: _____

Comments _____

ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION FORM

This application is for a: (please check one of the following)

☐ **Zoning Map Amendment**

Application Fee: \$300 plus \$250 per each acre or portion thereof*

or

☒ **Zoning Regulation Amendment**

Application Fee: \$300*

* Associated printing costs apply

Address: Town of Canton, Canton High/Middle School

Assessor's Identification: Map#: _____ Lot #: _____ 76 Simonds Avenue

Zoning District: _____ n/a

Lot Size: _____ collinsville, CT

Land Record Reference to Deed Description: Volume: _____ Page: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: Town of Canton PHONE: 693-7841

APPLICANT / AGENT: Canton Board of Education PHONE: 693-7704

MAILING ADDRESS: 4 Market Street, Suite 100, Collinsville

EMAIL ADDRESS: L.Daniel@cantonschools.org

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT INFORMATION

Description of Parcel

- A. Address: n/a
B. Assessor's Identification: Map#: _____ Lot #: _____
C. Land Record Reference to Deed Description: Volume: _____ Page: _____
D. Lot Size: _____
E. Zoning District: _____

Zoning Map Amendment Information

- A. Existing Zoning District n/a
B. Proposed Zoning District _____
C. Reasons for Proposed Map Amendment _____

ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENT INFORMATION

Section Number Location to be amended/ added: 7.3.B Applicability

Existing Text (attach on separate page if necessary):

see attached

Proposed Text (attach on separate page if necessary):

see attached

The required Zone Map Change or Zone Regulation Amendment "CHECKLIST" has been completed by the applicant and attached? (Zoning Regulations Appendix)

- ☐ No (Failure to submit the required checklist shall render the zoning application incomplete)
☒ Yes

REQUIRED FEE

		Amount Included
<u>n/a</u> ☐ Zoning Map Amendment	\$300 plus \$250 per each acre or portion thereof; plus associated printing costs	<u>/</u>
☒ Zoning Regulation Amendment	\$300 plus associated printing costs	<u>n/a</u>
☒ All applications require an additional \$60 State Fee		<u>\$60.00 / n/a</u>

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Is any portion of the site within 500 feet of an adjoining town?

- ☒ No ☐ Yes

- ☐ Avon
☐ Barkhamsted
☐ Burlington
☐ Granby
☐ New Hartford
☐ Simsbury

The applicant shall file a copy of any proposed regulation amendment or zone change with the Town Clerk ten (10) days prior to the hearing per Sections 8-3(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes. **Certification by the Town Clerk of the filing under these sections must be presented by the Applicant at the public hearing. (See certification form attached)**

By submitting this application, I hereby verify that all materials contained herein are true and grant permission to Town employees and Commission members to enter and view the subject site.

BEFORE SIGNING, OWNERS AND APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE:

By signing this application, the signer represents as to the owner or applicant, whichever applies, either:

- (i) if an individual, that the signer is that individual; or
- (ii) if an entity (e.g. corporation, llc, partnership, trust, association) that he or she is legally authorized to sign on behalf

Owner Name (please print)

Town of Canton

Owner Signature

Date: _____

Applicant Name (please print)

* LOV DANIELS, BOE Chair

Applicant Signature

Date: 12/29/2022

* on behalf of the Board of Education

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7.3. Signage

7.3.A. PURPOSE

It is the purpose and intent of this section to:

1. Accommodate the establishment of signs necessary for identification, direction and reasonable commercial promotion while providing minimum standards to preserve the character of Canton by regulating the size, height, location and lighting of signs;
2. Provide a reasonable and comprehensive system of sign controls to provide for fair and equal treatment of all sign users;
3. Protect the Town's character by avoiding clutter, while recognizing the need for signs as a major form of communication;
4. Encourage signs that are well designed and pleasing in appearance with good design relationship and materials location;
5. Encourage signs that are well designed with safe and appropriate spacing and location;
6. Promote public safety by providing that official traffic regulating devices be easily visible and free from nearby visual obstructions; and
7. Protect the residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational character of each district.

7.3.B. APPLICABILITY

1. No sign shall be established, constructed, reconstructed enlarged, extended, moved or structurally altered except in conformity with these regulations and until a sign permit, if required by this section, has been issued.
2. For any sign serving a use that was subject to a special permit, a modification of the special permit shall be required if the Zoning Enforcement Officer determines that a proposed change in size, shape, color, material, lighting or location significantly alters the character of the sign.
3. The following signs are expressly prohibited:
 - a. Any sign not expressly permitted;
 - b. Flashing signs, rotating and animated signs;
 - c. Moving signs;
 - d. Any motion-producing (dynamic) elements or features of any sign, except for wind induced flutter of awnings;
 - e. Signs capable of changing image using electronic control;
 - f. Signs with display screens using LED, LCD, plasma, or functionally equivalent technology;
 - g. Signs capable of slide show or series of stills, or full motion or a combination thereof;

7.3.C Standards - Signs in Residence Districts

- h. Sky signs;
 - i. Any sign with an exposed source of illumination;
 - j. Any wall mounted sign lacking fabricated individual letters; unless the sign is an approved promotional wall sign;
 - k. Any sign with translucent cabinet faces enclosing any "light cabinet" (excepting individual letters);
 - l. Signs with painted-on letters or sheet or film applied letters, except for temporary signs, open and closed signs, awning signs, and menu board signs;
 - m. Off-premises signs (Billboards);
 - n. Streamers, and banners.
4. There shall be no temporary signs (including a-frame, h-frame, and signs of similar construction) other than as provided in Section 7.3.C and Section 7.3.D of these Regulations.
 5. Signs referenced in this section are illustrated in Section 4 of the Appendix.

7.3.C. STANDARDS - SIGNS IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

Table 7.3.C – Signs in Residence Districts

1. Identification Signs	Maximum Sign Area	Sign Permit Required?
a. For a private residence, one or more signs designating the name of the resident(s) and/or the street number.	2 SF Total	No
b. For a lot with a permitted Home Based Business, one sign designating the name of the business and/or the street number.	4 SF Total	No
c. One sign to identify the location of a farm as defined in these Regulations.	9 SF Total	No
d. One temporary free standing or attached sign on a farm, farm stand, or agriculturally related use.	16 SF Total	No
e. One seasonal agricultural sign per 200 feet of frontage on a public right-of-way is allowed for farms, farm stands and agriculturally related uses up to a total of 4 signs (If 4, 4 SF for each, 2, 8 SF for each, if 1 16 SF).	4 SF each 16 SF Total	No
f. Off-site directional signage approved by the State Department of Agriculture for the Agricultural Direction Signage Program for an agricultural trade or business	4 SF each	No
g. Signs accessory to a special permit use may be permitted by the Commission as part of the special permit approval.	32 SF Total	Yes
h. On-site directional signage (per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) to guide traffic flow with no commercial purpose.	As per the MUTCD	No
i. Bulletin Board/ Message Board signs on the premises of churches, schools, parks, and similar uses (institutional)	20 SF	No
j. Governmental signs - that identify government buildings such as schools, fire and police stations shall be regulated in the same manner as Business Identification	24 SF Total	Yes

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Electronic Sign for the High School

Pade, Neil <NPade@townofcantonct.org>

Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 6:04 PM

To: Lou Daniels <ldaniels@cantonschools.org>

Cc: Kevin Case <kcase@cantonschools.org>, Thomas Richardson <thomasrichardson@cantonschools.org>, "Bessel, Robert" <RBessel@townofcantonct.org>, Claudia Nardi <cnardi@cantonschools.org>

Hi Lou,

My takeaway from the discussion was that the Commission was not willing to take the initiative to draft and submit a regulation change necessary to accomplish what you propose themselves. However, I believe they made it clear that an application from the BOE would be the more appropriate route.

An application would need to be prepared proposing a regulation amendment allowing 'digital signage' in the zones in which the public schools are located (Municipal Community Public Facilities District (MCPF)). Given the concerns raised regarding neighbors, I would recommend this be proposed by Special Permit, which means a public hearing would be scheduled (requiring public notices) prior to the allowance and siting of any one particular sign.

A similar mechanism was built into the Zoning Regulations for the lighting for athletic fields under Section 7.4 Lighting. See Section 7.4.D.4 and 7.4.D.4.f of the following:

https://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/19345/19617/45153/45254/45238/47139/Zoning_Regulations%3B_No_Appendix%3B_Revised_10-29-21.pdf

Proposed Text

Similar language may need to be added to Section 7.3 Signage.

Possibly adding to Section 7.3.B.3 (prohibited signs) language such as, "Expect as may be permitted under Section 6.4.D" (Special Permit Uses in the MCPF). Then in 6.4.D add something such as, "6.4.D.5.f. Signage beyond the limitations of Section 7.3.B.3"?

These are just for suggestion and there may be a better or more practical proposal.

Zoning Regulation Amendment Applications are found at the following:

https://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/19345/19617/45153/45254/45238/47137/Zone_Change_Application.pdf

https://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/19345/19617/45153/45254/45238/47197/Regulation_Amendment_Checklist.pdf

Should a regulation amendment of this nature be approved, the BOE would need to submit a subsequent application to site and approve the exact location of the sign on any property within that district.

TO: Members of the Canton Board of Selectman

From: Lou Daniels, Chair of the Board of Education

cc: Robert H. Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer
Neil Pade, Director of Community Development

Date: June 9, 2022

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to respectfully request that the Town of Canton's Zoning Regulations be modified. Specifically, Section 7.3B as it relates to Signage. We understand that the purpose and intent to such regulations is to provide a reasonable and comprehensive system of sign controls that provide for fair and equal treatment of all sign users while protecting the Town's character. However, it is important to recognize the need for signs as a major form of communication between the community and its citizens. We are writing to respectfully request a revision to Section 7.3B which states that Electronic Signage is expressly prohibited in the Town of Canton.

Electronic signage for purposes of communication within the Town of Canton and Canton Public Schools is critical. Signage will be beneficial for the Canton Community as it provides a visual reminder of all events and acts as another communication tool with the town. The collaboration with the Town and Canton Public Schools is an important one and electric signage will allow the community the transparency of open communication while providing community engagement as we strive for a continued safe community. It acts as an effective digital tool for updates on both town and school initiatives from school activity cancellations to meeting reminders to weather updates and even as a support system for local businesses and organizations. Presently many other towns in the Farmington Valley have electronic signage and Canton should follow suit as it provides another avenue for instant and visual communication within the community.

The Canton Board of Education is happy and willing to work with the Town of Canton's Zoning Enforcement Officer on the specifics of the signage to find a display that would look appealing to the Canton community as whole.

EXHIBIT VII

MEMO TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Kevin D. Case, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 10, 2023

RE: Approval of December 2022 Financials

Earlier this evening, Donna Miscikoski provided the Board with an overview of the December 2022 Financials. Tonight, I am asking you to please approve the Financials.

MOTION: Move that the Canton Board of Education approve the December 2022 Financials