

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JANUARY 5, 2017**

The Canton Area School District Board of Education held an Athletic Committee meeting on, January 5, 2017, at 4:15 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Holland and Mr. Scott May were present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, and Mr. Craig Coleman, High School Principal, were present.

**SESSION CALLED TO ORDER**

Mr. Briggs called the meeting to order.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**CANTON ATHLETIC HANDBOOK** - The committee reviewed the Code of Conduct in Interscholastic Athletics and Co-curricular Activities, specifically Section H under the Sanctions for the Code of Conduct (pages 7-9). The committee reviewed the procedures the district follows when students are found to be possessing, consuming or using illegal drugs, controlled substances or alcoholic beverages at school. The committee determined the following disciplinary action for students who possess, consume, or use illegal drugs, controlled substances or alcoholic beverages at school: first offense - 30 day suspension, second offense - 60 day suspension, third offense - permanent suspension from PIAA sports while attending Canton Area School District. The 30 and 60 day suspensions are based on calendar days and may continue into the following school year/school sports season. This update will go into effect beginning the 2017/2018 school year.

**DISCOUNT SPORTS CARDS** - Informed the committee that the high school athletes will be selling discount cards through the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Canton School District will have a spot on the card for reduced sports entry fees and the athletic department will receive a percentage of the proceeds for selling the cards.

**PIAA REQUIRED COACHING CLASSES** - By June, 2018 all PIAA coaches must take a coaching and first aid course. The athletic trainer is certified and will be teaching the first aid course and the athletic director will teach the coaching course. They are currently looking to schedule that course prior to June, 2018.

**POLICY 823, NALOXONE** - The committee discussed the dangers of administering Naloxone for possible heroin overdoses. Our current policy allows the school physician to write a prescription for the school nurses and athletic trainer to administer Naloxone. The committee talked about the dangers of the overdosed individual once the Naloxone is administered. The athletic director and building principal will develop procedures for the nurses and athletic trainer to follow. The school district will identify a "restraint team" to be present if the drug is ever administered during school hours.

**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)** - The committee discussed that the building principals will ensure that all AED devices will be available for use and in a safe location during all sporting events.

**CUTTING FOR SPORTS** - The committee discussed the possibility of exploring procedures to develop for cutting athletes for some of the junior varsity and varsity sports. They will revisit this topic in the spring of 2017 to determine if any changes will be made for the 2017/2018 interscholastic sports year.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Briggs  
Superintendent