

**MINUTES  
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Our President, Mrs. Judy Sourbeer, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and reminded the audience to please sign in if they had not done so.

All stood and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Judy Sourbeer, President; Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Mike Herman, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, and Mr. Jared Wilcox.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Michael Wells, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Craig Coleman, High School Principal; Attorney Richard Sheetz, District Solicitor; Mr. Dan Coran, Support Services Director; Mr. John Shaffer and Mr. Russell Pekelnicky, Newspaper Reporters; Ms. Deb Fitzwater, District Teacher.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mr. Mike Herman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2017.

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Superintendent**

Mr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, reported on the following items:

- Read a prepared statement in regard to the death of Canton Area School District parent, Kirsten Bagley.
- Highlighted the following from the Governor's budget address:
  - \$100 million increase in basic education funding. Canton anticipates receiving \$60,000.
  - \$25 million in special education funding. Canton expects to receive an increase of \$14,000.
  - \$11.7 million increase in pre-school early intervention. Currently, the district is looking to partner with IU 17 in regards to starting a Pre-K Counts Program.
  - \$10 million increase in head start programs.
  - Level funding for non-public school services.
  - A proposed \$50 million cut in pupil transportation funding. It is unclear how the state plans on addressing the transportation cut.
- The administrative team is currently in the middle of a major policy project. We will be reviewing over 300 district policies and developing administration regulations for those policies.
- Next Friday, February 17, 2017, the backpack program will be featured on the WETM-TV education segment of the morning news.
- Publicly thanked the boys' basketball team from the Sayre Area School District for their kind gesture at the home basketball game as they offered condolences to the Bagley family.
- Reviewed the updated Act 138 legislation. PDE will be closely monitoring how school districts handle students with truancy issues. They will be specifically looking at educational placements in Alternative Education and Delinquent Youth Programs (AEDY) and will be reviewing any suspensions/expulsions of such children.
- Talked about his first luncheon with high school students.

- The high school successfully completed NAEP testing this week.
- The administrative team is in the final phase of completing the high school schedule for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Commended the high school boys' basketball team for being in the play offs for the third time since the 1970's.
- Reported that PIAA sports officials have informed our athletic director of the great sportsmanship displayed by our teams this year.
- The first PBIS training for the elementary school has been completed. Mr. Wells and Mr. Briggs recently requested a \$2,000 donation from Red Run Rod & Gun Club.
- Reported that Brandon Smith, a PSU football player, will be coming on campus to talk to 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at the high school tomorrow. He will also be doing a public presentation at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow.
- The recent Career Café at the elementary school was a success.
- The elementary school is completing a course on internet safety.
- Mr. Coran and Mr. Briggs will be meeting with BLAST IU 17 to look at ways to restructure the gifted program for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Canton Area School District will have early intervention transition meetings February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Currently, we are scheduled to transition 17 students. This is the most students we've had since the 2011/2012 school year.

### **Business Manager**

Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary, reported on the following:

- The Governor's proposed budget results in a \$60,000 increase in basic education and \$15,000 for special education, but approximately a 10% reduction in transportation.
- The cafeteria is currently operating well ahead of projected budget.
- Reminded the board that the financial interest statements are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Will be setting a meeting date for the Finance Committee to review preliminary data.

### **Board Committee Chairpersons**

- **Personnel Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Eric Anderson, was absent.
- **Finance/Policy Review Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Ryan Allen, had nothing to report.
- **Athletic Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Mike Herman, had nothing to report.
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Jared Wilcox, had nothing to report.
- **Northern Tier Career Representative:** Mr. Scott May had nothing to report.
- **PSBA Representative:** Mr. Bill Holland had nothing to report.
- **BLAST Representative:** Mr. Jared Wilcox discussed highlights from the BLAST agenda report. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

### **CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED**

There were no comments.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Mike Herman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for January 31, 2017. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

## **Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Mike Herman to approve the bills for January.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

## **Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Mike Herman to approve the tax additions, exemptions and exonerations.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

## **2017/2018 I.U. 17 Operations Budget**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Mike Herman to approve the proposed 2017/2018 I.U. 17 General Operations Budget and Submission of Board of Directors Election Ballot.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Additions to Substitute List**

A motion was made by Mr. Jared Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the following additions to the substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork:

- a. Blake Bunner, teacher
- b. Kay Patton, teacher

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

### **Additions to Volunteer List**

A motion was made by Mr. Jared Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the following additions to the volunteer list. All required paperwork has been completed:

- a. Allen Williams, softball coach
- b. Darryl Jannone, softball coach
- c. Bryan Graham, softball coach
- d. Holly Keegan, Battle of the Books coach

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

## **FINANCE/POLICY**

### **Policy First Reading**

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Herman and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the first reading of the following board policies:

- a. (revised) 251 - Homeless Students
- b. (revised) 609 - Investment of District Funds
- c. (revised) 117 - Homebound Instruction
- d. (new) 255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**2017/2018 Calendar**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the Canton Area School District 2017/2018 Calendar.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**Band and Chorus Trip**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the senior high band and chorus trip to Ohio from May 19, 2017 - May 21, 2017 at no cost to the district.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**FCCLA State Leadership Conference**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the Canton FCCLA State Leadership Conference to Seven Springs, PA from March 29, 2017 to March 31, 2017 at no cost to the district.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**Wellness Plan**

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the updated Canton Area School District Wellness Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.  
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.  
Motion carried.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED**

There were no comments.

**Announcements**

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria, Canton, PA.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:26 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone  
Business Manager/Board Secretary