

**FINANCE/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 24, 2018**

The Canton Area School District Board of Education held a Finance Committee meeting on, July 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager; Mr. John Shaffer, newspaper reporter; and Josephine Richart.

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Briggs started the discussion by handing out an agenda with a number of questions attached for the committee's consideration. He indicated that over the past few weeks he ran an advertisement in the Canton Independent Sentinel soliciting public input regarding the board developing a policy and procedure to be used when considering naming facilities or playing surfaces. As presented, he received five emails of input which ranged from opinions of not naming any fields to naming the athletic complex after Weldon "Jake" Shaffer and the softball field after Jim Richart as the founder of Lady Warrior softball. He also had several neighboring districts' policies on naming practices.

Mr. Allen indicated that he appreciated the research put into it; however, he was not personally interested in reviewing other policies or creating one of our own. Mr. Allen is in favor of taking each naming request on an individual basis. He felt that creating a policy would lead to a slippery slope of requests for naming other playing surfaces.

Mr. Briggs explained that one of the suggestions offered was to not name any facilities or playing surfaces but instead create a wall of fame/excellence using a detailed series of criteria for induction. This idea was well received by board members and led to a discussion as to how to create the criteria.

Mrs. Richart, district resident, commented that she felt it was more appropriate that the softball field be named after Jim Richart who founded Lady Warrior softball in the mid 1980's. She indicated that she liked the idea of the wall of excellence for future recognitions but thought that it would be appropriate to name the softball field after Jim Richart.

Mr. Holland reminded the group that the purpose of the meeting was to solicit public input towards the process of naming facilities and not actually to make a decision on whom to name a facility after. After further discussion, Mr. Holland indicated that he personally holds the legacy of Jake Shaffer in higher regard than others and felt that his recognition should be more profound. However, if it were decided that the board would not name facilities or playing surfaces, then he was in favor of a wall of excellence.

Mrs. Sourbeer summarized that the conclusion of this meeting was for Mr. Briggs to bring a defined process and set of criteria on the implementation of the wall of fame/excellence to the board for consideration.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Jannone
Business Manager / Board Secretary