

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

The emergency meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 5:00 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. Eric Anderson, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Mike Herman, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings, Mr. Neal Palmer, and Mr. Denny Sourbeer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Craig Coleman, High School Principal; Attorney Richard Sheetz, District Solicitor; Mr. Dan Coran, Support Services Director; Mr. John Shaffer and Janay Parrott, Newspaper Reporters.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- As you are aware, the Canton Area School District made the decision last Thursday to shut down school through Friday, September 7. The purpose for closing the school was due to the results of air quality testing done in the district on Wednesday, August 29th. The results of the testing concluded that the air quality in the high school rooms was within the acceptable air quality ranges. At the elementary school, some of the rooms tested had above average reading in air quality. Based on the results of the testing, the district was informed they could continue with school as long as the areas were isolated from the rest of the student and staff population. The Canton Area School District takes the health and safety of all its students and employees very seriously. Upon receiving the results and recommendation, the district believed it was in our best interest to close the school district and develop a plan of action so we can assure that all our students and staff can return to a safe, clean learning environment. We are currently implementing the plan of action with caution and fidelity. We have been updating the students, faculty, staff, and school board throughout the entire process. As information becomes available to the public, we will also share that information.

This process can be very trying at many levels for many people. I would like to first thank the parents of our students as they have been very positive and flexible in assisting the school district administrative team with this process. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused as I am sure some of our younger students needed an extend level of care as parents anticipated them returning to school at this point.

I would like to thank the staff for their diligence and patience as we move forward with improving the air quality of the entire school district. Thank you for sharing your concerns in a timely fashion. I appreciate you using the systems and protocols in place to report any issues you observed in your classrooms. I apologize for the "false start" to the 2018-2019 school year, however, I am very confident this school year will be a very positive one for all faculty, staff, and students. I have faith. You will continue to do great things!

Thank you to the administration team for assisting me as we continue to navigate through the many systems to come up with viable, safe, and healthy solutions for all our students. Your commitment to our students has not gone unnoticed. School board, I want to thank you for

continuing to have trust in me as we work through this obstacle. There will be many challenging decisions ahead of us, but I am confident we will continue to do great things. Finally, our most valuable assets: students. I know the first week of school was a great success. It breaks my heart to talk to parents at football games that tell me their students are “crying because they cannot come to school”. We will continue to make a difference in your life and, most importantly, we are committed to your education. Enjoy this brief time off, and remember, we will be waiting for you with smiles on our faces.

BUSINESS

Mold Remediation

After several questions and answers, the following motion was introduced:

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to allow the Business Manager and Superintendent to enter into contracts related to mold remediation.

Roll Call: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria, Canton, PA.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary