

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

The special meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 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. Gary Black, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings, and Mr. Neal Palmer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Donald Jacopetti, High School Principal; and Attorney Cassie Blaney, District Solicitor.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- CASD Athletic Health and Safety Reopening Plan:

Gatherings in indoor or outdoor facilities are limited to the number of spectators that can be socially distanced by 6 or more feet and all spectators who are not actively engaged in the sport/activity are masked when not seated in the stands or standing stationary while present in the facility at all times. The district and administration will establish capacity limits for all public areas that may be utilized for any non-educational gathering. Those capacity limits will be publicly posted on district website and strictly adhered to. The district and administration reserve the exclusive authority to adjust capacity limits at any time necessary due to updated guidance or mandates from the Commonwealth of PA, Pennsylvania Department of Education, or Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The limits on all indoor and outdoor gatherings on school property will comply with all orders from the Governor and the gathering limitations will be established by district administration to ensure masking and 6 feet of social distancing.

- Plan A and Plan B being prepared for tomorrow evenings game:

Plan A - 250 total spectators at the game

Plan B - Additional spectators by including visiting band, cheerleaders, parents, and additional tickets for our football players.

The plan we move forward with depends on:

- What does the board want?
 - How we interpret the intent of the federal judge's ruling on social gatherings being unconstitutional
 - If/when the Governor/PDE gives additional spectator guidance.
 - SB 2787 - waiting on Governor action.
- Technology II - Technology Assistant - Additional support for Warrior Academy; Additional support for day to day technology issues due to the increase in classroom instruction going online.

- Policy #406 - Employment of Substitutes

At this time, Dr. Briggs shared an update with the board regarding the appeal of the court ruling in the Western Circuit Court of Pennsylvania. He then explained the legislative process for HB 2787 to the board and outlined what could potentially happen if/when the Governor was to veto the bill.

There was dialogue between multiple school board members on what they should do for allowing spectators into the Friday football game with Athens. The board felt it was important that parents from both teams be able to attend the football game. Dr. Briggs stated that he would not be able to stay within the 250 spectator capacity by allowing fans from the opposing team into the stadium. The school board decided to allow Dr. Briggs to use his discretion on what he felt comfortable with in terms of numbers of spectators being allowed in the games but really wanted him to do everything he could to see that parents could watch their children play sports. Dr. Briggs said that he would take the consideration and move forward with it while being conscious of the spectator capacity set by the Governor.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

Mr. Mike Shultz, district resident, addressed the board regarding the allowance of fans at sporting events. Mr. Shultz encouraged the board to maximize spectators at both indoor and outdoor athletic events especially in light of the recent declaration by a federal judge which indicated that Governor Wolf's regulations are unconstitutional.

Mrs. Tiffany Ostrander, district resident, addressed the board and asked that the district consider ways to get creative for the upcoming volleyball games. She also asked if the district has considered options for the volleyball team.

BUSINESS

Health and Safety Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Black and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the updated Canton Area School District Athletics Health and Safety Plan.

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

PERSONNEL

Job Description

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the updated job description titled Technology II - Technology Assistant.

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

Classified Staff Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the classified staff transfer of Brant Buchanan from Custodian to Technology II - Technology Assistant at \$15.00/hour with full benefits, effective September 21, 2020.

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

FINANCE/POLICY

First Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the first reading of the following revised board policy:

a. 405 - Employment of Substitutes

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria, Canton, PA.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:38 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary