

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held virtually on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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 (joined at 5:10 p.m.), Mr. Neal Palmer, and Mr. Denny Sourbeer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Michael Wells, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Donald Jacopetti, High School Principal; Attorney Cassie Blaney, District Solicitor; Mr. Dan Coran, Support Services Director, Ms. Brianne Ostrander and Ms. Rachel Heitzenrater, newspaper reporters.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Black and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2021.

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Krista Jennings was absent.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- PIAA has released a new form for all school districts to complete in order to participate in post-season play for our winter sports. This form has been added to the CASD athletic health and safety plan and we are seeking board approval this evening for this change. In essence, we need to agree to the health and safety face covering waiver should other student athletes participate in athletics without face coverings. Failure to participate in an event with an individual (or team) who does not wear a face covering for medical exemption reasoning cause our team to forfeit this match/game.
- Pennsylvania is still in phase 1A for vaccines, which includes about 3.5 million people. It will take more time to vaccinate those in Phase 1A before Phase 1B is activated. Educators are in Phase 1B. The Secretary did not have an estimate as to when the state will enter this phase of vaccination as the supply of vaccines has been limited. Pennsylvania only received 167,000 vaccines the week of February 1st. Pennsylvania received 175,000 vaccines this week and has been notified it will receive 175,000 vaccines the week of February 15th. (There are 12 million people in Pennsylvania.) They do not have information on the number of vaccines to be delivered to the state in subsequent weeks, which creates uncertainty in their planning process. The state will be notified by the federal government as to how many vaccines it will receive on a periodic basis. Pennsylvania Department of Health is expecting the vaccine supply to increase over time as the federal government increases production but has not received any definitive information as to when that will occur. The Department of Health will be providing weekly updates to keep us apprised of the vaccine process across the state.
- The CHS staff is currently participating in what we have named the “power to be seen” initiative improving connections between students and adult staff in the building. Through the beginning

phase of this initiative, we have identified students within the high school who we do not know as well as we could. As a result, we have developed a targeted list for our staff to begin forming connections with the students on that list. This initiative is ongoing and we continue to update our list on a bi-weekly basis.

- As voted on by our staff, the CHS Teacher of the Marking Period (2nd) was Angela Kelly. She spends countless hours helping students “recover” from long breaks both mentally and academically. Thanks for all you do, Angela!
- Early Intervention meetings were held today for our incoming kindergarten students. Kindergarten Registration will be held March 16-18.
- Mrs. Castle is currently working with her STEM team as they are preparing for a virtual competition this year.
- In place of Bocce Ball, we are participating in the Fitness Heptathlon under the auspices of Special Olympics Unified Sports. The Fitness Heptathlon offers participants a wide range of exercises best suited for their individual needs and interests. We have eight students (four athletes and four partners) that make up our team. Each picked two exercises from the three groups (Agility, Strength, and Endurance) and one more of their choice. Our team will be logging their performances and will compete with North Penn/Liberty and North Penn/Mansfield. Athens and Coudersport may participate as well. The competitions will be based on data collection and will not take place face-to-face. Helen Kilbourn and Maureen Martz are the coaches.
- Cindy Black, Teacher of the Gifted, has created a unit on renewable energy that allows students to explore, understand, and demonstrate how solar energy, hydropower, and wind power work. The rationale for the unit on renewable energy is to give these future leaders a better understanding of energy sources that do not have negative effects on our environment through hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) challenges. The students will build a miniature wind turbine, a working hydropower water wheel, and build a solar powered car.

Business Manager

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

- Reminded the board that according to Act 18 of 2019, all board members are required to do either three or five hours of training, depending on whether they were newly elected or re-elected. He told them that a representative from PSBA would be emailing them their specific requirements as well as a link to the online learning.

Board Committee Chairpersons

- **Personnel Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Eric Anderson, had nothing to report.
- **Finance/Policy Review Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Ryan Allen, had nothing to report.
- **Athletic Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, had nothing to report.
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Chairperson, Mrs. Krista Jennings, had nothing to report.
- **Northern Tier Career Representative:** Mr. Neal Palmer had nothing to report.
- **PSBA Representative:** Mr. Bill Holland had nothing to report.
- **BLaST Representative:** Mr. Neal Palmer had nothing to report.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the

Treasurer's Report as presented for January 31, 2021. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

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

Bills

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

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

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

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

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

Transportation Changes

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the transportation changes.

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

Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform.

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

Memorandum of Understanding

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the 2020/2021 Unified Champion Schools Memorandum of Understanding, between Special Olympics Pennsylvania and Canton Area School District, effective February 11, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

Memorandum of Understanding

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Canton Area School District and Canton Area Education Association titled Unified Champion Schools Supervisor's Stipend, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

Letter of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Letter of Agreement between The Main Link and Canton Area School District for the purpose of providing Peer Support Services, effective 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school years.

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

BLaST Budget/Board of Directors Ballot

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Proposed 2021/2022 BLaST I.U. 17 General Operations Budget and Submission of Board of Directors Election Ballot.

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

NTCC Final Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the 2021/2022 Northern Tier Career Center Final Budget.

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

PERSONNEL

Volunteer List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the following additions to the volunteer list, as all paperwork has been completed:

- a. Derek Leiby, Wrestling, retroactive to 1/14/21
- b. Randy Gilliland, Wrestling, retroactive to 1/18/21
- c. Bill Holland, Wrestling, retroactive to 1/29/21
- d. Carter Nybeck, Jr. High Boys Basketball

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

Substitute List Addition

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the following addition to the substitute list, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Megan Frankenberger, bus and van driver

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

Co-Curricular Non-Sports List Addition

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the following addition to the 2020/2021 Co-Curricular Non-Sports list:

- a. Helen Kilbourn and Maureen Martz, Unified Champion Schools Co-Supervisors, \$1000.00 stipend.

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

FINANCE/POLICY

Policy Second Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

- a. No. 122 - Extracurricular Activities
- b. No. 123 - Interscholastic Athletics
- c. No. 123.2 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- d. No. 113.1 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- e. No. 113.2 - Behavior Support
- f. No. 113.4 - Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

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

Policy First Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the first reading of the following revised/new policies:

- a. No. 111 - Lesson Plans (revised)
- b. No. 203 - Immunizations and Communicable Diseases (revised)
- c. No. 204 - Attendance and (revised) attachment Student Attendance Manual
- d. No. 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings (revised)
- e. No. 309.1 - Telework (new)
- f. No. 705 - Facilities and Workplace Safety (revised)
- g. No. 705.1 - Workplace Safety Committee
- h. No. 803 - School Calendar (revised)

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

OTHER ITEMS

Wellness Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the updated Canton Area School District Wellness Plan.

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

Health and Safety Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the updated Canton Area School District Health and Safety Plan, Athletics, Extra & Co-Curricular Activities.

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:26 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary