

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

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held virtually on Thursday, March 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. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Krista Jennings (joined at 5:17 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; District Solicitor; Mr. Dan Coran, Support Services Director; Ms. Rachel Heitzenrater and Ms. Brianne Ostrander, Newspaper Reporters; Mrs. Chelsie Swartz, Miss Lyla Smith, and Miss Jordan Phillips.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2021.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mrs. Krista Jennings were absent.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- On Monday, March 15th, 43 staff members, contractors, and substitutes will be receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are very appreciative of this opportunity that was given to educators in partnership with the Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, the National Guard, and AMI who is the state contracting facility providing the vaccination
- On March 1st, the Wolf Administration revised and lifted some mitigation restrictions. The revisions include: a) Revised maximum occupancy limits for indoor events to allow for 15% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size, and for outdoor events, 20% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size. Core public health measures such as face covering (mask-wearing), social distancing, and hand hygiene still must be enforced. The maximum occupancy is permitted only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement. b) Eliminate out-of-state travel restrictions. In November, the Department of Health provided an updated travel order requiring anyone over the age of 11 who visits from another state to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test or place themselves in a travel quarantine for 14 days upon entering Pennsylvania. This order is now rescinded.
- Instructional Model Updates: PDE announced updates to their instructional model recommendations. Consistent with the CDC, the department now recommends public schools in counties with low transmission consider returning all students to in-person instruction and public schools in counties with moderate transmission consider providing hybrid/blended learning models. As before, PDE continues to recommend public schools located in counties with substantial community transmission consider fully-remote instruction for all students or provide

blended in-person instruction to elementary school students only, provided they follow all applicable orders and safety protocols. Mitigation strategies such as physical distancing and masking remain essential to operating safe learning environments regardless of instructional model. As always, these recommendations are dependent on local factors including size of the school entity, classroom size, school resources, proportion of staff and students with special needs and underlying health conditions, and the ability to accommodate remote learning with equal access for all students.

- The CHS winter extra-curricular activities recently concluded with several wrestlers moving on to the district and regional competitions and our boys' basketball team playing in the postseason playoffs. The girls' basketball team is looking forward to next year as they return some key players. Drama Club has begun practice on their Spring musical and we look forward to a great show from them! With the current pandemic and all of the restrictions that accompany it, our students made the most of their opportunities and I am proud of all who participated.
- The Class of 2021 Graduation Event Calendar has been released to students and parents. While many things are still yet to be confirmed, we plan to have our commencement ceremony on June 4, 2021 inside the football stadium. Given the current restrictions, the auditorium would be too small to allow families into the event. The calendar is available on our CHS web page and is updated frequently as event times and dates change.
- Our health and safety athletic plan was updated to reflect the changes by the Governor's most recent order and we also added the guidelines for each of the spring sports in the appendices of the plan. Finally, we added a "social and emotional" check-in survey which we will be administering periodically to our student athletes as a measure to see where they are at from a social/emotional standpoint. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and, upon completion, is given to the trainer for review.
- The elementary STEM team took first place in their competition and will be going to the state competition in May. The team consists of Kendall Petrowski, Addy Wright, Owen Moore, and Ryan Inman. Their coach is Mrs. Castle.
- Owen Moore received an Honorable Mention Award in the 4th grade UGI "Know What's Below, Call 811" poster contest.
- Pennsylvania College of Technology will be hosting a Virtual Transition Conference in conjunction with BLAST IU 17 on March 12, 2021. This virtual conference will provide sessions for 10th - 12th grade students with disabilities an opportunity to explore options for success after high school. Sessions include: further training, employment, community living, and more. Learning Support Teacher and Transition Coordinator, Michelle Harkness, has registered some of our students for this event.
- One of our gifted 5th grade students was in need of science enrichment. Thanks to the BLAST Lending Library, Cindy Black, Teacher of the Gifted, was able to secure a weather station to assist the student with his project. The 4th and 5th grade classes will also be utilizing the weather station for collecting data with the help of an anemometer, taking learning to a higher level.

Business Manager

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

- We anticipate passing the Preliminary Budget at the April board meeting because the May board meeting does not provide 30 days' notice.
- The district received a commitment of \$1.1 million, known as ESSER II, which is part of the second federal stimulus package for schools.
- Received notice that the district is expected to receive a third round of federal stimulus, known as ESSER III, in the amount of approximately \$2.5 million.

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 Sourbeier to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2021. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

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

Bills

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

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

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

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

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

Transportation Changes

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

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

Letter of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeier to approve the Letter of Agreement between The Meadows and Canton Area School District for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years.

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

Letter of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeier to approve the Letter of Agreement between Canton Area School District and MAC's Driving Academy effective June 1, 2021.

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

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Clinical Education Experience Agreement between Canton Area School District and Misericordia University effective March 11, 2021 for a period of one year.

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

Exam Waiver

A motion was made by Mr. Neal Palmer and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the General Agriculture Education NOCTI Exam Waiver for the 2020/2021 school year.

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

PERSONNEL

Additions to Volunteer List

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

- a. Cathy Asbury, drama and music, retroactive to 2/11/21
- b. Greg Bellows, baseball
- c. Brock Kitchen, baseball
- d. Seth Robbins, baseball
- e. Ben Rubert, baseball
- f. Tim McAninch, track

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

FINANCE/POLICY

Policy Second Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Anderson and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the second 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 attachment Student Attendance Manual (revised)
- 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 (revised)
- h. No. 803 - School Calendar (revised)

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

OTHER ITEMS

2021/2022 Academic Planner

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the 2021/2022 Canton Jr/Sr High School Academic Planner.

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

Library Board Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Neal Palmer to approve the Canton Jr/Sr High School and Canton Area Elementary School Library Board Reports for the second quarter of 2020/2021 school year.

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

Jordan Phillips, CHS senior, addressed the board requesting that the Science Club be allowed to take a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey on May 21, 2021. Dr. Briggs explained that due to COVID restrictions and an abundance of caution the district has taken a stance that we will not be allowing field trips for any groups. She acknowledged the board's stance and asked that they reconsider and make an exception for this trip that is comprised of juniors and seniors. She also offered an alternate date of June 8, 2021 to avoid potential COVID transmission. The board indicated that they would review the request and provide an answer by the April 8, 2021 board meeting.

Announcements

A virtual Executive Session of the Personnel Committee was held on March 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

A virtual Executive Session was held prior to the Board Meeting, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss a health and safety issue.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary