

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library on Thursday, December 2, 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. Arica Jennings, 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; Mrs. Amy Repard, Special Education Supervisor; Mr. Dale Keltz, Mr. Philip O'Dell, Mrs. Holly Shultz, Mr. Michael Shultz, and Mrs. Courtney Roberts.

DELEGATES

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Scott May to re-appoint delegates for the Bradford County Tax Collection and approve the Bradford County TCC voting delegate appoint resolution:

1. Mark Jannone
2. Eric Briggs, first alternate
3. Ryan Allen, second alternate

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

MEETINGS

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to set Board Meetings: the second Thursday of each month with the following exceptions: 1) no meeting in July, 2) the first Thursday in December. All meetings will be held in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library at 5:00 p.m.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Anderson and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2021 and the Finance/Policy Review meeting on November 22, 2021.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- Most recent PA COVID Data - According to the PA Department of Health, as of Nov. 24th, over 15.1 million eligible Pennsylvanians have received at least one COVID vaccination, with 68.8% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older fully vaccinated. There were 7,569 additional positive cases of COVID-19 and 3,349 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of that number, 763 patients were in the ICU. The trend in the 14-day moving average number of hospitalized patients has increased. Statewide percent positivity for the week of Nov. 12th - Nov. 18th stood at 11.7%. In Bradford County, with a population of 60,323, 23,719 people have been vaccinated which makes up roughly 39.3% of the total population. On November 30th, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the mask order will remain in place pending further consideration of the Court. The Supreme Court will not hear argument on the matter until December 8, 2021, so the mask order will remain in place until at least that date. Governor Wolf announced that the Commonwealth's K-12 school mask requirement is anticipated to end on January 17, 2022. If the Supreme Court ultimately does not act to rescind the mask order, the Department anticipates that the statewide mask mandate will expire on January 17, 2022. Please note that this change (whenever it occurs) will increase the number of students that could be deemed as close contacts. I can inform the community at this time that the district is looking at addressing the way we have identified close contacts and are looking to make these adjustments after the start of the 2022 calendar year. We will provide the community with that information as it becomes available.
- Congratulations to all our fall sports teams. Our girls' volleyball team had a very successful year as they advanced to the state semi-final game before losing. Tomorrow, our football team will be in a state semi-final match against Bishop Guilfoyle in Altoona for a shot to play in the state finals in Chocolate Town this coming Thursday, December 9th at 1p.m.
- Thanked all the businesses/families who provided financial support for our fan buses so our community members can attend the state semifinal football game at Mansion Park tomorrow against Bishop Guilfoyle:
 - Jeffrey Cole and Elizabeth Cole
 - Bardo, Cox & Miller
 - B&P Sheds and Blinds
 - Brann, Williams, Caldwell, and Blaney
 - Brown's Pharmacy
 - BS Haulers
 - Building No. 9 Grille
 - Carquest - Canton Auto Supplies
 - Canton Chatterbox Restaurant
 - CUZ Excavating
 - Finding New Hope Counseling
 - IHS Pizza and Sandwich Shop
 - Jimmy's Park Hotel
 - Landon's Farm
 - Moore Trucking LLC
 - Morse & Kleese Funeral Home
 - MT Pockets Trucking
 - Parker Machine & Fabrication
 - Schoonover Plumbing and Heating
 - Sechrist Farms
 - Subway of Canton
 - Thompson Sports and Apparel
 - Tygart Beverage
 - Warrior Lounge
 - Warrior Wash, Inc.
 - Watson Diesel, Inc.
 - Welch Insurance
- Thanked Benedict's Bus Service who stepped up and added more buses with each request.
- Thanked Dandy Mini Mart who offered to donate sheet pizzas and water to feed all of the fans on the charter buses.

- First graders took part in the annual Family Turkey Day Project. PTA Christmas Shop will be from December 6th - 10th. Progress Reports for the elementary school will be distributed on December 8th. Grandparent Tea will be held on December 16th.
- The special education department has finalized the 12/1 count for the school year.

Board Committee Chairpersons

- **Personnel Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Eric Anderson, had nothing to report.
- **Finance/Policy Review Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Ryan Allen, reported that a meeting was held on November 22nd.
- **Athletic Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, had nothing to report.
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Chairperson, Mrs. Arica Jennings, had nothing to report.
- **Northern Tier Career Representative:** Mr. Neal Palmer was absent.
- **PSBA Representative:** Mr. Bill Holland had nothing to report.
- **BLaST Representative:** Mr. Neal Palmer was absent.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the bills for November.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to accept the therapeutic foster program Letter of Collaborative Agreement between Merakey and Canton Area School District.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

Spring Sports Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the 2021/2022 Spring Sports Bid in the amount of \$7,665.93.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve unpaid days for the month of November, 2021, for the following employees:

- a. Employee #1819, 15 days
- b. Employee #1211, 2 days
- c. Employee #1762, 5 days

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

Addition to Substitute List

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the following additions to the substitute list, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Bethany Fulmer, cafeteria

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

FINANCE/POLICY

Second Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies, which were tabled at the November 11, 2021 board meeting:

- a. (revised) No. 006 - Meetings
- b. (revised) No. 103 - Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- c. (revised) No. 104 - Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- d. (new) No. 218.3 - Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
- e. (revised) No. 247 - Hazing
- f. (revised) No. 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
- g. (revised) No. 252 - Dating Violence
- h. (revised) No. 314 - Physical Examination
- i. (revised) No. 622 - GASB Statement 34
- j. (new) No. 816 - District Social Media
- k. (revised) No. 903 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
- l. (revised) No. 904 - Public Attendance at School Events
- m. (revised) No. 907 - School Visitors

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Overnight Field Trip Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the following overnight field trip requests:

- a. From Tom Hojnowski for the Ag Experience trip to the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA January 7th - 9th, 2022.
- b. From Tammy MacWhinnie for the Sr. High Band and Chorus to travel to Ohio to perform and compete in Music in the Parks.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

Overnight Wrestling Tournaments

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the following overnight wrestling tournament requests from Lyle Wesneski:

- a. January 7th - 8^{ths}, 2022 at IUP
- b. January 28th - 29th, 2022 at West Branch School District

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Certificates of Election for Newly Elected Board Members were confirmed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Blaney administered the Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected board members.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to elect Mrs. Judy Sourbeer as Temporary President.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to re-elect last year's officers.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Gary Black and Mr. Neal Palmer were absent.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

Mr. Dale Keltz approached the board and requested that the board declare the seat of Gary Black vacant due to him missing the last two board meetings. Mr. Keltz informed the board that this would be in compliance with current board policy. Attorney Blaney corrected Mr. Keltz indicating that the board policy permits the board to act but does not require the board to act. She also pointed out that a board member could, in fact, miss multiple meetings if they had a good reason.

Mr. Keltz also reminded the board that he emailed each member and is still awaiting responses.

Announcements

There was a Finance/Policy Review Committee meeting held on November 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library, Canton, PA.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:28 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary