

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held in the Canton Jr./Sr. High School Library on Thursday, January 13, 2022, 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. Gary Black, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Arica Jennings (virtually), Mr. Tom Resavage, 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. Matt Jennings, newspaper reporter; Mrs. Pamela Denlinger, Mrs. Angela Hess, and Mrs. Courtney Roberts.

VOID BOARD MEETING

Mr. Resavage informed the board that he had a concern regarding the meeting minutes from the December 2, 2021 board meeting. He indicated that the minutes did not align with the agenda. Mr. Resavage took exception with the fact that the board changed the order of the agenda. Attorney Blaney stated that she wanted to take a closer look at the board policy but did not feel that any violation took place.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage, with no second, to make the December 2, 2021 board meeting void. Motion died.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2021.

Voice Vote:	Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Gary Black, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Arica Jennings, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer voted yea. Mr. Tom Resavage voted nay. Mr. Eric Anderson was absent. Motion carried.
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REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- At the state level, our legislators are currently gearing up for what may be a busy spring legislative season. Some of the bills of interest that may be discussed are: Voucher bill, Assisting Students Experiencing Education Instability, and Reading Professional Development.
- This evening, I am going to present to the board, for approval, an updated version of our health and safety plan. The version of the health and safety plan was processed through our pandemic plan team and open for discussion this evening by the board and the public. The plan, for the most part, is in direct alignment with the CDC current recommendation except for two areas:

- We are not requiring close contacts to quarantine if they are deemed close contacts and are asymptomatic. We do, however, require them to wear a face covering for the 10-day quarantine period.
- The CDC currently has not updated guidance on household close contacts. Therefore, we are using the current suggested data by the CDC for quarantine and isolation (5 days' isolation, 5 days of quarantine) and then a return with a face covering on day 11 through day 15.

Parents are also currently being provided the opportunity to follow the old quarantine rules should they choose to not follow the rules around face coverings.

- Students in grades 9-11 that did not successfully complete the Algebra, ELA and/or Biology Keystone exams in the Spring took them again last week with the hope of obtaining the minimum score required for graduation. Successful completion of the three Keystone exams allows students to graduate in either pathway 1 or 2. Students who are unable to successfully complete the Keystone exams may graduate using pathway 3, 4 or 5 which involves a more complicated "formula" to achieve.
- Congratulations to Isaiah Niemczyk for scoring his 1000th point in basketball earlier this week and to Emmi Ward for being selected as the All-Region Girls soccer MVP.
- We're on schedule to complete the first semester of the school year this Friday and look forward to moving forward with the final semester.
- Two of our PBIS staff leaders along with four of our PBIS student leaders are attending a workshop next week that will offer valuable insight into new programming and ideas for the high school.
- With the help of Mr. Hojnowski and Mrs. McRoberts, the FFA membership has created an awesome exhibit and represented Canton at the PA Farm show this week with numerous top ten finishes.
- Next week, our 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade students will begin the "Too Good for Drugs" program. Too Good for Drugs (TGFDD) is a 10-lesson substance abuse prevention curriculum used in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program provides education in social and emotional competencies and reduces risk factors while building protective factors that affect students in that particular age group.
- January 19th will be the elementary band and chorus concert.
- The special education department is currently evaluating services and completing a Needs Assessment as part of the work we do in partnership with BLAST IU #17. This process involves looking to our current level of special education services and provides us with a projection for what we will need next year.
- This evening the Canton Unified Bocce team is hosting Liberty for our first Bocce game of the year.
- Every January we celebrate the nine elected school board members who serve our students and educational system. We do not usually think of school board members as school volunteers but they do, in fact, volunteer to serve. School board members give their time, energy, and counsel to the district without pay. They take on the job of governing the district, making the best decisions they can for our children, with the full understanding that they will receive only the satisfaction of their contribution. Their contribution should not be understated. The volunteer efforts of the school board members have the potential for tremendous benefit to the community, as well as the lives of students individually. By serving the district in this important governance role, school board members lay the foundation of the future. The school board makes difficult decisions for the betterment of our students. Members vote on multi-million-dollar budgets, hire staff, select textbooks, and pass policies, to name just a few of the decisions they make for the district. The men and women who make the time to generously provide this important public service do so because they care. They care about their own children's education. They care about the schools being the best they can be. They care about the next generation and the future of the community. School board members work hard, unpaid and behind the scenes, to guide the district in providing a quality education to more than 850 students. January is School Board Recognition Month, and the Canton Area School District salutes this special group of volunteers — the nine elected members of the school board. Thank you for all that you do to support our students, staff, and this community. I look forward to continuing this great work with you as we move forward with the school year.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – AGENDA RELATED

Mr. Dale Keltz approached the board requesting that the Pledge of Allegiance be removed from the agenda because in his opinion the board members do not mean what they say in the pledge. He also admonished the board members for not replying to the email he sent to each board member in October.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented for November 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

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

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the bills for December.

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

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

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

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

Transportation Changes

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

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

Advertise Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to authorize advertising of bids related to the 2022/2023 school year.

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

Union Township Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to appoint Deanna Watkins as the Union Township tax collector for Canton Area School District pursuant to Section 683 of PA School Code.

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

Deputize Tax Collectors

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to deputize Mark Jannone and Michele Gowin as tax collectors for Union Township.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mr. Eric Anderson was absent.

Motion carried.

Reappoint Deputized Tax Collectors

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to reappoint Deanna Watkins, Mark Jannone, and Michele Gowin as deputized tax collectors for McIntyre Township, McNett Township, Canton Township, Canton Borough, and LeRoy Township.

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

Bereavement Leave MOU

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Bereavement Leave Memorandum of Understanding between Canton Area School District and the Canton Area Education Association.

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

Act 1 Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to accept the Act 1 Resolution which certified that the board will not raise any school district tax for the 2022/2023 budget at a rate that exceeds the 4.9% index.

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

Amendment

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to accept the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Amendment to Terminate for Canton Area School District.

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

Addition to Central Treasury

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the addition of a new account/club to the Canton Jr./Sr. High School Central Treasury in the name of Class of 2028.

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

PERSONNEL

New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the hiring of Cassi Stone, full-time evening custodian, \$10.00 per hour with full benefits, effective January 17, 2022, pending completion of require paperwork.

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

New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve the hiring of Bethany Fulmer, part-time cafeteria worker, \$10.00 per hour with no benefits, effective January 17, 2022, pending completion of required paperwork.

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

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Gary Black to approve unpaid days for the month of December, 2021, for the following employee:

- a. Employee #1819, 16 days

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

Volunteer List Additions

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

- a. Shauna Wesneski, elementary, retroactive to 12/14/21.
- b. Brooke Russell and Sara Bourdon, Keuka College students, for their 120-hour field experience at Canton Area Elementary School, retroactive to 12/13/21.
- c. Bill Holland, wrestling, retroactive to 11/9/21.
- d. Melina Rice, competitive cheer, retroactive to 1/10/22.

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

FINANCE/POLICY

Policy First Reading

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

- a. No. 336 - Personal Necessity Leave

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

OTHER ITEMS

Health and Safety Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the updated ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template.

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

District Calendar

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the 2022/2023 Canton Area School District Calendar.

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

Library Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the first quarter (September - November, 2021) Canton Area Elementary School and Canton Jr./Sr. High School Library Reports.

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

Field Trip Requests

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

- a. ACES Leadership Conference in Harrisburg on February 19-20, 2022.
- b. FCCLA State Officer Training in Dubois, PA on January 22-23, 2022.
- c. PMEA Regional Chorus/Choir at Valley View High School on March 24-25, 2022.
- d. All-State PMEA Choir at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center on April 6-9, 2022.

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

Wrestling Tournament Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the following overnight wrestling tournament requests:

- a. New Oxford on January 14-15, 2022.
- b. District IV Wrestling in Williamsport on February 25-26, 2022.
- c. Regional Wrestling in Williamsport on March 4-5, 2022 (pending eligible participants.)
- d. State Wrestling in Hershey on March 9-11, 2022 (pending eligible participants.)

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

Mrs. Pamela Denlinger informed the board that according to their board policy the board requires advanced notice for someone to have permission to record board meetings. She pointed out that her sources indicate that that prohibition was ruled unlawful. Mrs. Denlinger also reminded the board that at a past meeting, a member of the public asked if the board agenda attachments could be made available to the public and that she would like that to happen.

Mr. Dale Keltz asked the board when they intended on filling Mr. Black's seat since he missed multiple meetings. Attorney Blaney reminded Mr. Keltz that the board policy allows the board to replace a board member for missing multiple meetings but does not compel the board to replace a board member for missing meetings.

Mrs. Angela Hess informed the board that she relies heavily on the district's website calendar and asked that particular attention be given to keep it up to date and accurate.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 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 5:41 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary