

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 10, 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, March 10, 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. Eric Anderson, Mr. Bill Holland, Mr. Scott May, Mrs. Arica Jennings, 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. Phil O'Dell, newspaper reporter; Mrs. Courtney Roberts, Ms. Carolann Spencer, Mr. Tom Cochran, Mrs. Stephanie Cochran, Mr. Randy Kline, Mr. Dale Keltz, Mr. Will Gowin, Miss Mya Allen, Mrs. Chelsie Swartz, and Miss Emmi Ward.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Anderson and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2022

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

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- Next Thursday, Dr. Briggs will present to the community, in person, an overview of how the school district has expended their funds through the various state and federal agencies pre-pandemic and throughout the pandemic. For those that cannot make the presentation, a recorded version can already be found on our website under the community tab.
- To address ongoing and ever-present increased vaping in teens, seven of our staff members will become certified in the INDEPTH course provided free of charge from the American Lung Association. These professional learning opportunities will occur later this spring and in future school years.
- Mrs. McRoberts continues to support our curriculum to create a master list of course materials used in all classes in grades 7th -12th grades. This resource list will then be made available to all staff.
- Wished Riley Parker and Hayden Ward the best of luck as they participate in the state wrestling competition in Hershey.
- Under the leadership of Mr. Frye and the support of many volunteers, on March 18th and 19th, the CASD drama group will be putting on the play "Into the Woods." The students have worked diligently to present this production to our community. We also will be sharing the first act of the play with our elementary students.
- Congratulated Mrs. Kelsey Weed on being chosen as a Golden Apple Award recipient. Each month during the school year, WETM honors one outstanding educator from the Twin Tiers. This gives

the public an opportunity to show their support for fantastic educators who often times do not get enough recognition and credit for what they do each and every day.

- March 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we will be hosting our Title I Family Night. We have already had over 300 RSVPs. Our PTA book Fair will be the week of March 21st.
- This past week, our transition coordinator, Michelle Harkness, and Mrs. Repard spent the day at Pennsylvania College of Technology for the IU wide transition day.
- A few weeks ago, Mrs. Repard completed the Early Intervention process for incoming kindergarten students for next year. We had eight students who completed this process.

Business Manager

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

- The high school hot water heater is nonoperational at this time however repair parts have been located but we expect to be without water in the high school for 10-12 days. Mr. Jannone reminded the board that this will not affect the high school cafeteria because they have their own dedicated heater.
- Introduced Randy Kline, Tremco Roofing, to provide a brief presentation on the roof restoration process for both buildings. Throughout the presentation there was some discussion. Mr. Tom Resavage expressed that he would rather see a price for doing repairs that are absolutely needed instead of entering into a full restoration at this time. Mr. Jannone advised the board that he felt it was an efficient use of federal grant funding which has a timeline for expenditure of two more years. After a slight debate, Mr. Resavage indicated that he would make the motion to table this item on the agenda.

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. Arica Jennings, had nothing to report.
- **Northern Tier Career Representative:** Mr. Tom Resavage had nothing to report.
- **PSBA Representative:** Mr. Bill Holland had nothing to report.
- **BLaST Representative:** Mrs. Arica Jennings reported that she attended her first board meeting at BLaST and she was presented with a children's book written about a student from the Williamsport area who utilizes BLaST services. She presented the book to Mr. Mike Wells as a donation to the elementary library.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – AGENDA RELATED

Will Gowin, Senior Class President, presented to the board on behalf of the senior class a prepared speech requesting that the board authorize the 2022 graduation to be held outdoors on the Miller A. Moyer Football Field. He asked that the board consider allowing the students to break from tradition and he offered a committee of seniors to help physically set up for outdoor graduation as well as a contingency set up in the auditorium if weather prevents the outdoor ceremony.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2022. (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. Scott May and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the bills for February, 2022.

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. Scott May and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings 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. Scott May and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the transportation changes.

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

Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to accept the bid for E-Rate Category II Technology purchases in the amount of \$41,043.49.

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

Roofing Project

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to table authorization to the Business Manager to enter into a contract related to a roofing project on both buildings.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to authorize the Business Manager to enter into a contract related to a roofing project on both buildings.

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

PERSONNEL

New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the hiring of Carolann Ward-Spencer, English/Special Education Teacher, at B+12 \$60,507 (prorated), with full benefits, effective upon the release from her current employer, pending completion of required paperwork.

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

New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the hiring of Christina Bedford, part-time cafeteria worker, at \$10.00 per hour with no benefits, effective March 14, 2022, as all paperwork has been completed.

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

Substitute Teacher Pay Increase

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the substitute teacher pay increase from \$100/day and \$50/half day to \$125/day and \$62.50/half day.

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

Student Learning Monitor Pay Increase

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the Student Learning Monitor pay increase from \$16.75/hour to \$20.94/hour.

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

Substitute List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the following additions to the substitute list, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Madison Miller, guest teacher
- b. Laura Driscoll, guest teacher and substitute nurse

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

Volunteer List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve the following additions to the volunteer list; all required paperwork has been completed:

- a. Shelly Reese, elementary
- b. Tim McAninch, track

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

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mr. Scott May and seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to approve unpaid days for the month of February, 2022, for the following employee:

- a. Employee #1246, ½ day

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. Scott May to approve the second reading of the following revised policy:

- a. No. 217 - Graduation Requirements

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

OTHER ITEMS

Health and Safety Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the updated ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan.

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. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the Canton Jr./Sr. High School and Canton Area Elementary School Library Board Reports for the second quarter (Dec-Feb) of the 2021/2022 school year.

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

Commencement

A motion was made by Mr. Denny Sourbeer and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve a request from the Canton Area School District Senior Class to hold the 2022 Commencement outside on the Miller A. Moyer Athletic Field.

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

Will Gowin, Senior Class President, again addressed the board with a prepared speech requesting that the board consider naming the high school library after the late Jefferey Wynne. He reminded the board that his class would be the last class who had Mr. Wynne as a teacher and expressed that Mr. Wynne had an extremely positive influence over many students over the years at Canton High School.

Dale Keltz addressed the board requesting that a sound system be utilized during the board meetings so that he can hear the proceedings better. Mr. Jannone replied by telling him that a sound system would cause too much feedback to the virtual attendees but we'll try to look into something. Mr. Keltz further requested from the board a response to a question he has been asking for multiple months to each individual board member which was "to which flag do you pledge allegiance and to which God do you pray?" Mr. May responded by telling Mr. Keltz that he heard the board members pledging their allegiance at the beginning of the meeting to the American Flag which states one nation under God. Mr. Keltz disagreed with the board's allegiance.

Announcements

An Executive Session was held prior to the Board Meeting, at 4:45 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 14, 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 6:08 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary