

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 11, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library on Thursday, April 11, 2024 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. John Ambruch, Mr. Dave DeCristo, Mr. Bill Holland, Mrs. Arica Jennings, Mr. Tom Resavage, and Mr. Denny Sourbeer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Amy Martell, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Mr. Michael Wells, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Donald Jacopetti, High School Principal; Mrs. Amy Repard, Special Education Supervisor; Mrs. Sherry Lambert and Mr. Matt Jennings, newspaper reporters.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. John Ambruch and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2024.

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Amy Martell, Superintendent, reported on the following items:

- Tyler Sechrist will be presenting a short slideshow presentation.
- SB 454 - Interscholastic Sports for Phys. Ed Requirement - Physical Education --
 - (a) The board of school directors in every school district shall establish a curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania academic standards on health, safety and physical education.
 - (b) The board of school directors shall permit students to satisfy the physical education curriculum requirement under subsection (a) by participation in an interscholastic sport. A student may utilize participation in an interscholastic sport to satisfy the physical education requirement twice per school year, the utilization of which must be during the interscholastic sport's season."Interscholastic sport" shall mean athletic contests or competitions conducted between or among schools.
Amendment passed - moved from "shall" to "may". Passed on first consideration by the Senate Education Committee.
- Health Advisory - Respiratory Illness overview of changes:
The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) provides this guidance based upon available information and is subject to change. This guidance is intended to replace PA-HAN-656. The new CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance recommends that people with respiratory virus symptoms (not better explained by another cause) stay home and away from others until at least 24 hours after resolution of fever (without using fever-reducing medications) AND overall improvement in symptoms. For COVID-19, this differs from the previous recommendation of a minimum of five days of isolation following symptom onset or a positive test but it does align with previous

guidance for other respiratory virus illnesses. This recommendation addresses the period of greatest infectiousness and highest viral load for most people, typically in the first few days of illness and when symptoms, including fever, are worst. A residual risk of disease transmission may remain after fever is gone and symptoms improve depending on the virus, person, and circumstances. Therefore, for five days after leaving isolation, CDC also recommends taking additional precautions to help protect others. These precautions may include masking, diligent hand hygiene, and cough etiquette, distancing, testing, and/or actions to improve air quality.

Board Committee Chairpersons

- **Athletic Committee:** Chairperson, Mr. Denny Sourbeer, reported that the Athletic Committee met on March 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library. The purpose of the meeting was to review the past few years' worth of expenses for each sport and to recommend potential savings. As a result of the discussion, the administrative regulation that is used to define the procedure followed regarding certain athletic expenses will be adjusted to better control the use of meal money for post season events. The committee was also informed the high school will be offering an athletic letter for Marching Band and Color Guard.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for March 31, 2024. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the bills for March 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the tax additions, exemptions and exonerations.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Transportation Changes

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the transportation changes.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

A La Carte Pricing

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Canton Area School District Cafeteria a la carte pricing for the 2024/2025 school year:

Adult Lunch	\$4.75	16.9 oz. Water	\$ 1.00
Adult Hot Breakfast	\$1.50	Switch Beverage	\$ 1.50
Main/Alternate Entrée	\$2.75	Chips	\$ 1.00
Pudding Cup	\$1.00	Fruit Snacks	\$ 0.90
Extra Fruit/Veggie	\$0.75	Rice Crispy Treat	\$ 1.25
Extra Cereal	\$0.75	Cookie Cake	\$13.00
Adult Salad	\$2.75	Pack of Grandma Cookies	\$ 1.15
Hoagie/Wrap/Sandwich	\$2.75	Ice Cream	\$ 1.25
Yogurt	\$2.75	Flavored Water	\$ 1.25
Juice	\$0.75	Sparkling Ice/Kick Start	\$ 2.25
Milk	\$0.50		

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Central Treasury Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the third quarter (January - March) central treasury reports for Canton Area Elementary School and Canton Jr/Sr High School.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Retainer

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the retainer for legal counsel in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus discounted rate of \$100.00 per hour for additional professional services, as necessary, between Canton Area School District and Brann, Williams, Caldwell & Blaney for the 2024/2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Club Addition

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings 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 Archery Club.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Authorization for Expenditure

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the authorization for expenditure to purchase Amplify (K-2 curriculum), in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Grant

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to authorize the

business office to apply for the Public School Facility Grant for the Canton Area School District, for the purpose of replacing equipment independently (chillers and/or boilers and controls for each).

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to accept the following resignations:

- a. Eric Machmer, full-time (12 month) Custodian, effective 3/25/24, with five months of service to the district.
- b. Ginnette Moskowitz, 7-12 Spanish Teacher, effective 5/31/24, with three years of service to the district.
- c. Rebecca Hulslander, part-time (9 month) Paraprofessional, effective 5/31/24, with two years of service to the district.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to accept the following retirement:

- a. Karen Nelson, full-time (9 month) Paraprofessional, effective 5/31/24, with 16.5 years of service to the district.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve the hiring of Taran Carlisle, current Special Education Teacher, for the 2024 Extended School Year program, June 10-27, 2024 (Monday - Thursday, 12 days) at the CAEA contracted hourly rate for detention monitor.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

2024 ESY Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve the hiring of Jodi Peterson for the position of paraprofessional for the 2024 Extended School Year program, June 10 - 27, 2024 (Monday - Thursday, 12 days) at the current paraprofessional substitute rate.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Substitute List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve the following addition to the substitute list, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Rebecca Adams, teacher and nurse, retroactive to 3/22/24

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Volunteer List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve the following additions to the volunteer list; all required paperwork has been completed:

- a. Todd Siedhof, softball, retroactive to 3/14/24
- b. Scott Inman, junior high baseball, retroactive to 3/25/24
- c. Leah Strong, track, retroactive to 3/18/24
- d. Arica Jennings, elementary and high school field trip and dance chaperone, retroactive to 3/14/24
- e. Andrew Whitehead, junior high baseball, retroactive to 3/22/24

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Bill Holland to approve unpaid days for the month of March 2024, for the following employees:

- a. Employee #1785 - .5 days
- b. Employee #1743 - 2 days
- c. Employee #1846 - 1 day
- d. Employee #1858 - 7 days
- e. Employee #1857 - 1 day
- f. Employee #1744 - 1 day
- g. Employee #1835 - 1 day

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

FINANCE/POLICY

First Reading

A motion was made by Mr. John Ambruch and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the first reading of the following revised policy:

- a. No. 903 Public Comment in Board Meetings

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Handbooks

A motion was made by Mr. John Ambruch and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the following handbooks for the 2024/2025 school year:

- a. Canton Jr/Sr High School Athletic, Extra, & Co-Curricular Code of Conduct
- b. Canton Jr/Sr High School Academic Planner
- c. CASD Special Education Handbook

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Social Event

A motion was made by Mr. John Ambruch and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the following off-campus social event:

- a. 2023/2024 Junior/Senior Prom at the Manley-Bohlayer Sechrist Farm on May 4, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Health and Safety Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to re-affirm the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan.

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

There was an Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting, at 4:45 p.m., to discuss personnel matters.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library, Canton, PA.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Dave DeCristo.

Voice Vote: All eight members present voted yea.
Mrs. Sarah Neely was absent.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:56 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary