

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Canton Area School District Board of Education was held in the Canton Jr/Sr High School Library on Thursday, November 13, 2025, 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. John Ambruch, 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. Lucas Bailey, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Donald Jacopetti, High School Principal; Mrs. Amy Repard, Special Education Supervisor; Attorney Cassi Blaney, District Solicitor; Mrs. Asti Tillotson, Food Service Director; and Ms. Cinda Dewey.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2025.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen and Mrs. Sarah Neeley were absent.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- Updated the board on current enrollment.
- On November 11th, the Veterans Day assembly was held at the high school. The Master of Ceremony was Alexis McRoberts who shared about duty, honor, courage, and sacrifice. Members of the Canton VFW Post 714, American Legion Post 303, Sons of American Legion Post 303, American Legion Auxiliary Post 303, and Marine Corps League Deer Xing Detachment 522 were honored guests. Isaiah Colton read the history of Veterans Day. Keynote Speaker, Chris Roof, Senior Master Sergeant Retired (25+ years of service) spoke about gratitude and service. Reed Taylor read his Voice of Democracy essay titled "Is America Today Our Forefather's Vision." Blake Barnes performed "Proud to Be an American" by Lee Greenwood. Amelia Pepper read her Patriot's Pen Essay titled "My Voice in America's Democracy." Leo Sechrist and LuAnn Groover conducted the MIA ceremony. Petty Officer Ernie Turner from the American Legion Post 303 accepted the wreath from NHS student Emma McGee, followed by Volley (VFW Post 714) and Taps (performed by Blake Barnes). A video, "*Today We Honor Our Veterans*," was shared. The last step of the ceremony was the retrieval of the colors.
- The book, *Remarkably You*, written by Pat Zietlow Miller and illustrated by Patrice Barton was donated by PSBA as a gift in recognition of our district's dedication to student achievement.
- On November 12th, Dr. Martell read *SkippyJon Jones Mummy Trouble* to first grade students. This book was chosen because it relates to their current study of early world civilizations.
- After 135 years of dedicated service to Canton Area School District, the Canton High School Alumni Association has made its final gift to the school and community that it has faithfully

supported since 1889. The new electronic message board, valued at \$22,000, was donated in August 2025 and installed last week along Main Street near the Nelle Black Westgate Auditorium. The sign will be used to display school announcements, upcoming events, student achievements, and important community news, providing enhanced visibility and communication for the district.

“This donation represents our alumni association’s ongoing dedication to the Canton Area School District,” said Barbara Machmer, President of the Canton High School Alumni Association. “We’re proud to conclude our association’s 135-year history with this meaningful gift that will benefit current students and keep our community informed for years to come.”

The project was spearheaded by the alumni association’s executive board, which includes President Barbara Machmer, Vice President Bev Griffin, and Secretary Shelley Reese, along with board members Darby Fiester and Melody Kitchen. Also, special thanks to Brock Kitchen for his hard work on this project and Mr. Mark Jannone for his input.

For more than a century, the Canton High School Alumni Association brought together graduates from across the decades to celebrate their shared Canton heritage. The association held its 135th annual alumni reception in May 2024, marking one of the longest-running alumni organizations in the region.

- Pursuant to Board Policy 308, the following employee retirements/resignations have been accepted:
 - a. Deborah Morse, Part-Time (9-month) Cafeteria Worker, retirement effective January 9, 2026, with 8.5 years of service to the district.
 - b. Craig Route, Junior High Head Football Coach, retirement effective October 27, 2025, with 31 years of service to the Canton Warrior football team.
 - c. Steve Turner, Maintenance II Worker, retirement effective December 26, 2025, with over 37 years of service to the district.
 - d. Logan Hawley, Part-Time (9-month) Cafeteria Worker, resignation effective October 29, 2025, with over two months of service to the district.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented for October 31, 2025. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely were absent.
Motion carried.

Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the bills for October 2025.

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely were absent.
Motion carried.

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

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

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely were absent.

Motion carried.

Transportation Changes

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

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

New Award

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the addition of a new memorial award named The Eloise McNett Memorial Award.

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the agreement between Canton Area School District and NRG Controls effective 11/01/25.

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

New Clubs/Accounts

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the addition of the following new clubs/accounts to the Canton Elementary School Central Treasury:

- a. First Grade
- b. Jeans
- c. PBIS
- d. Marjorie Clark Award

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Signature Listing

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the revised bank signature listing as presented.

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

New Hires

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the

following new hires, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Adriane Katona, Part-Time 12-month Custodian, \$20/hour, no benefits, retroactive to 10/20/25.
- b. Glenda Beadnell, Part-Time 9-month Cafeteria Worker, \$15/hour, no benefits, effective 11/17/25.

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Substitute List Additions

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

- a. Shannon Chilson, Nurse, retroactive to 10/13/25
- b. Larry Confer, Custodian, retroactive to 10/24/25
- c. Katelyn Hartford, Prospective Teacher Substitute, retroactive to 10/29/25
- d. Mya Allen, Paraprofessional and Guest Teacher

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Lists Additions

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the following additions to the Co-Curricular Sports/Non-Sports Lists:

- a. Tyler Sechrist, Assistant Softball Coach, Step 1 \$4,284.00
- b. Brenda Holland, Dramatics Assistant, \$2,855.93

Roll Call Vote: Mr. John Ambruch, Mrs. Arica Jennings, Mr. Tom Resavage,
Mr. Denny Sourbeer, and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer voted yea.
Mr. Bill Holland abstained.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Volunteers

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the following volunteers; all paperwork is complete:

- a. Chris Roupp, Girls' Basketball, retroactive to 10/22/25
- b. Marcie Jennings, Winter Cheer, retroactive to 10/10/25
- c. Gary Ward, Wrestling, retroactive to 10/27/25
- d. Lyle Wesneski, Wrestling, retroactive to 10/30/25
- e. Lee Preston, Girls' Basketball, retroactive to 11/05/25
- f. Casey Guindon, PTA and Elementary School, retroactive to 11/10/25

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were 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 policies:

- a. No. 102 Academic Standards
- b. No. 105 Curriculum
- c. No. 118 Independent Study
- d. No. 122 Extracurricular Activities
- e. No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- f. No. 209.2 Diabetes Management
- g. No. 317 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- h. No. 317.1 Educator Misconduct
- i. No. 320 Freedom of Speech by Employees

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

KUD

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the following KUD:

- a. College and Career Literacy - Employment Literacy Unit

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Field Trip Request

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

- a. From Grace Call, for four students to attend PMEA District Chorus Festival at Susquehanna University, January 07-09, 2026
- b. From Marcie Jennings, for the Competition Cheer Team to attend the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, FL, February 06-13, 2026

Roll Call Vote: All six members present voted yea.
Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

An executive session was held immediately after the meeting to discuss legal matters.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, 2025, 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. John Ambruch and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer.

Voice Vote: All six members present voted yea.

Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mrs. Sarah Neely
were absent.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary