

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 5, 2024**

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 5, 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, Mrs. Sarah Neely, 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; Attorney Cassie Blaney, District Solicitor; Mrs. Amy Repard, Special Education Supervisor; Mrs. Asti Tillotson, Food Service Director; Mrs. Sherry Lambert, newspaper reporter; and Ms. Kelsey Herman.

QUALIFIED BOARD MEMBERS

All board members are qualified.

TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Judy Sourbeer called for nominations for temporary president.

Mr. Bill Holland nominated Mr. Tom Resavage for temporary board president.

There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mrs. Sara Neely to nominate Mr. Tom Resavage for temporary board president.

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Allen nominated Mrs. Judy Sourbeer for board president.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Sara Neely to nominate Mrs. Judy Sourbeer as board president.

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Allen nominated Mr. Bill Holland for board vice president.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Sara Neely to nominate Mr. Bill Holland as board vice-president.

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

DELEGATES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY TAX COLLECTION

A motion was made by Mr. John Ambruch and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to re-appoint the delegates for the Bradford County Tax Collection and approve the Bradford County TCC Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution:

1. Mark Jannone
2. Amy Martell, First Alternate
3. Ryan Allen, Second Alternate

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

2025 BOARD MEETING DATES, TIME, AND PLACE

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to set the 2025 board meetings: 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 nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2024.

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- Elementary enrollment is currently 421 students - 418 in the building and three in CAVE.
- In the elementary school, there will be continuing professional development in the areas of ECRI and CKLA (K-2) and in Writing and TDAs (3-6). The next professional development day is on December 3rd.
- A book study on "What Great Teachers Do differently" is being conducted with elementary specials teachers.
- There will be an elementary student presentation about internet safety by the Attorney General's Office on December 9th.
- CKLA and writing professional development will be conducted on the January 2nd 3-hour delayed start.
- The PTA has received a \$5,000 grant through Tioga Downs to have a STEAM Day in the spring.
- Upcoming events at the elementary school: PTA Christmas Shoppe the week of December 9th, SMILE Dentist - December 6th, Christmas movies for each grade level with popcorn provided by the PTA; Kindergarten Grandparent Tea - December 13th; Christmas Break December 21st - January 1st.
- Due to receiving scholarship funds from an outside party and a substantial reduction in per student pricing, Mr. Frye can continue with the scheduled Spring field trip to NYC given the smaller than expected enrollment numbers.
- Winter Keystone Exams will be conducted for specific students in grades 9-11 on the following dates: Literature - December 4th and 5th; Biology - December 10th and 11th; Algebra - January 8th and 9th.

- The CHS winter athletic season has begun, and we are excited to watch our basketball, wrestling, bocce and competition cheer teams compete.
- The winter band and chorus concerts are taking place this week on Wednesday and Thursday evening, respectfully.
- National Honor Society induction was held on November 25th to recognize current members and for the induction of one senior and three juniors.
- Total number of IEP Students without gifted IEPs: 181: Elementary— 99/High School—82.
- Total number of IEP Students with gifted IEPs: 231: Elementary — 121/High School—110.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2024. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Bills

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

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
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 nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Repair Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to accept the elementary cafeteria walk-in freezer repair bid at a cost of \$15,999.00.

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

New Employee

A motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Neely and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the following new employee, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Michael Landon, full-time 12-month Custodian, \$13.00 per hour with full benefits.

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

List Update

A motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Neely and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the following

update to the 2024/2025 Co-Curricular Non-Sports List:

- a. Rebecca Colton, Freshman Class Advisor, \$509.08

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Volunteers

A motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Neely and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the following volunteers (all paperwork is complete):

- a. Emily Hitesman - elementary K-2 field trips, classroom, retroactive to 11/19/24.
- b. Derek Wesneski - wrestling, retroactive to 11/19/24.
- c. Tamara Hess - girls' basketball, retroactive to 11/20/24.
- d. Gary Ward - wrestling, retroactive to 11/22/24.

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Substitute List

A motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Neely and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the following addition to the substitute list:

- a. Levi Storrs, Prospective Teacher Substitute, retroactive to 11/26/24.

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Neely and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve unpaid days for the month of November 2024, for the following employee:

- a. Employee #1898 - 15 days

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

FINANCE/POLICY

Second Reading

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

- a. No. 103 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
- b. No. 103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities
- c. No. 104 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
- d. No. 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- e. No. 113.2 Behavior Support
- f. No. 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- g. No. 309 Assignment and Transfer

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

First Reading

A motion was made by Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen to approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies:

- a. No. 005 Organization (revised)
- b. No. 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students (revised)
- c. No. 236.1 Threat Assessment (revised)
- d. No. 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children (revised)
- e. No. 308 Employment Contract/Board Resolution (revised)
- f. No. 607 Tuition Income (revised)
- g. No. 611 Purchases Budgeted (new)
- h. No. 805.2 School Security (revised)
- i. No. 810 Transportation (revised)
- j. No. 820 Identification Badges (new)
- k. No. 823 Opioid Antagonist (revised)
- l. No. 831 Electronic Searches (revised)

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Board Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Holland and seconded by Mr. Denny Sourbeer to approve the Canton Jr/Sr High School and Canton Area Elementary School Library Board Reports for the first quarter (September - November) of the 2024/2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, 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 Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen.

Voice Vote: All nine members present voted yea.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Sourbeer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:12 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary