

**MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 9, 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, May 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Our Vice President, Mr. Bill Holland, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and reminded the audience to sign in if they had not done so.

All stood and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ryan Allen, Mr. John Ambruch, Mr. Dave DeCristo, Mr. Bill Holland, Mrs. Arica Jennings, Mrs. Sarah Neely, and Mr. Tom Resavage.

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. Sherry Lambert and Mr. Matt Jennings, newspaper reporters; Mrs. Asti Tillotson, Mr. Kasey Lyon, Ms. Carmya Martell, Mr. Lucas Drever, Ms. Alli Morgan, Mr. Tom Hojnowski, Mrs. Theresa Morgan, and Mr. Kevin Morgan.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2024, the revised minutes of the March 14, 2024 regular meeting, the Athletic Committee meeting of March 28, 2024, and the Finance/Policy Review Committee meeting of April 25, 2024.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER

Board Treasurer

The Board appointed Mr. Ryan Allen as Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

REPORTS

Superintendent

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

- Current school enrollment figures.
- Took a moment to remember Mr. William Krause.
- High School student, Lucas Drever, presented a 2023/2024 FFA update.
- Envirothon Qualifying Team - The PA State Envirothon Qualifying team will be receiving a scenario that revolves around the topics of wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soils, and energy. They will have a week to create and produce a video about the topic. On May 15, 2024, the team will be given a time when they will be requested to have a Zoom meeting with the judges about the presentation. The interview is 1/6 of their total state Envirothon score. They then go to the hands-on portion of the competition on May 22, 2024. The following students are part of the team: Lucas Drever, Savannah Bastian-Brown, Charleigh Anderson, Jonah Gible, and Alyssa May.
- FFA Nominating Committee - There were 41 applications, statewide, and 12 of those were from the Northern Region. Selected from the Northern Region were Canton student Lucas Drever and a

Danville student. They will join six other individuals in selecting the 2024/2025 FFA State Officer team.

- Applied for a grant from PDE for Interns for the 2024/2025 school year: School Psychologist Intern - \$30K grant, School Nurse Intern - \$7500 grant, and School Counselor Intern - \$15K grant.
- This week is Teacher Appreciation - Paraprofessional Appreciation - Nurse Appreciation Week.

At this time, Mr. Bill Holland expressed his gratitude towards the late Bill Krause.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for April 30, 2024. (A copy is in the supplemental file.)

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the bills for April.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Tax Additions, Exemptions and Exonerations

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the tax additions, exemptions and exonerations.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Transportation Changes

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the transportation changes.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Daily Depositories

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve Chemung Canal Trust Company and First Citizens Community Bank as daily depositories for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the General Business, Art, Shop, Science, Custodial, and Fall Athletic bids for the 2024/2025 school year, not to exceed the combined threshold of \$37,157.84.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Authorization for Expenditure

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the authorization for expenditure to purchase a new football scoreboard in the amount of \$15,000 plus freight.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Gaming Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to accept the state's distribution of gaming funds to provide homestead/farmstead relief per Act of 2006 for \$442,581.24.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the contract for school-based physical therapy services between the Canton Area School District and Julie Sechrist, PT, MSPT, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the 2024/2025 DARTS software agreement through BLaST IU 17.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Letter of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the 2024/2025 Letter of Agreement between Canton Area School District and Northern Tier Counseling for partial hospitalization services.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the 2024/2025 Memorandum of Understanding between Bradford Tioga Head Start, Inc. and Canton Area School District, effective July 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to accept the Sponsor-to-Sponsor Agreement between Bradford Tioga Head Start, Inc. and Canton Area School District effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the BLaST Inter-Governmental Agreement for shared special education services effective July 1, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the Better Unemployment Compensation System Participation Agreement between PSBA Insurance Trust and the Canton Area School District for the 2024/2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Arica Jennings to approve the Canton Area School District 2024/2025 proposed preliminary budget with revenues of \$21,797,559 and expenditures of \$23,440,305.

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

PERSONNEL

New Temporary Employees

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the hiring of the following temporary professional employees, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Kasey Lyon, 7-12 Family Consumer Sciences, B0 Step 1, \$61,232.00, prorated, effective 5/13/24, with full benefits.
- b. Carmya Martell, 3rd Grade Teacher, B0 Step 1, \$63,565.00, effective 8/19/24, with full benefits.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to accept the following retirement:

- a. Karen Ayres, Elementary Teacher, effective 5/31/24 with 25 years of service.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

New Employees

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

- a. Kayla Nelson, Cafeteria Worker II, \$15.00/hour, no benefits, retroactive to 4/23/24.
- b. Nicole Vroman, Cafeteria Worker II, \$15.00/hour, no benefits, retroactive to 4/23/24.
- c. Sherry Heasley, full-time (12 month) Custodian, \$13.00/hour with full benefits, effective 5/13/24.
- d. Gina Bastion, Cafeteria Worker II, \$15.00/hour, no benefits, retroactive to 5/6/24.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the following resignation:

- a. Kayla Nelson, Cafeteria Worker II, effective 4/29/24.

Substitute List Additions

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the following additions to the substitute list, pending completion of required paperwork:

- a. Andrew Joiner, Custodian
- b. Brooke Russell, Prospective Teacher, retroactive to 4/29/24
- c. Weston Bellows, Paraprofessional, retroactive to 5/2/24

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Volunteer

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the following volunteer; all paperwork is complete:

- a. Felicia Thomas, elementary classroom/field trips

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

New Positions

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the positions of Summer Weight Room Monitor at a rate of \$26/hour and Summer Assistant Weight Room Monitor at a rate of \$10/hour, paid with grant money.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Unpaid Days

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Resavage and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve unpaid days for the month of April 2024, for the following employees:

- a. Employee #1857 - 2 days
- b. Employee #1846 - 2 days
- c. Employee #1885 - 1 day
- d. Employee #1762 - .5 day

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

FINANCE/POLICY

Second Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the second reading of the following revised policy:

- a. No. 903 Public Comment in Board Meetings

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

First Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mr. John Ambruch to approve the first reading of the following new policy:

- a. No. 613 Cooperative Purchasing

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Flexible Instructional Days

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the 2024/2025 Flexible Instructional Days (FID) Application and Lesson Plans.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Class List

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the Canton Jr/Sr High School tentative class list of 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Revised Calendars

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Allen and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Neely to approve the revised 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Canton Area School District Calendars.

Roll Call Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - NON-AGENDA RELATED

There were no comments.

At this time, Mr. Lucas Drever addressed the board about the passage of the preliminary budget. He expressed that he felt it was irresponsible to pass a deficit budget. Mr. Jannone explained that the district has a reputation of budgeting conservatively on both revenues and expenses and that it has been unusual to encounter a deficit.

Announcements

There was an Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting, at 4:30 p.m., to discuss the annual safety report, security, and personnel matters as required by Act 55 of 2022.

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 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 Mrs. Arica Jennings and seconded by Mr. Ryan Allen.

Voice Vote: All seven members present voted yea.
Mr. Denny Sourbeer and Mrs. Judy Sourbeer were absent.
Motion carried.

Mr. Holland adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:55 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary