May 15, 2017

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Canton Union School District No. 66 was held in the boardroom at the Administration Building, located at 20 West Walnut Street, Canton, Illinois, on Monday, May 15, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Leonard Barnard called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the boardroom at the Administration Building.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present and answering roll call were Leonard Barnard, Ben Bishop, Lori Coleman, Matt Kees, Jane Lewis, Jake Snowman, and Tom Snowman.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Board President Barnard led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Sivertsen recommended the agenda be revised to move items 10-D.3; 11-I; and 11-E to follow closed session. Board member Bishop moved to amend the agenda by moving items 10-D.3; 11-I; and 11-E to follow closed session. Jake Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, J. Snowman, Barnard, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, and T. Snowman. Motion carried.

5. GOOD NEWS ITEMS

A. Recognition of SarahJeanne Olson as Board Distinguished Guest

Ingersoll Middle School volunteer SarahJeanne Olson, nominated by IMS teacher Ashley McKown, was present to be recognized as a Board Distinguished Guest for taking the lead and organizing the Boxtop collection project for the middle school.

B. Recognition of Canton High School State Science Olympiad Competitors

Canton High School students who participated in the State Science Olympiad Competition were present to receive certificates for their success at the state competition. Participants were: Adrianne Bentzinger, Nicholas Dailey, Riley Johnson, Alexandria Meier, Phillip Murphy, John Osborne, Joshua Weyers, and Tyler Wilkinson.

C. Recognition of CHS Students Nick Dailey, Jeremy Knott, and Elizabeth Krock – Participants in the ICTM State Math Competition

High school students Nick Dailey, Jeremy Knott, and Elizabeth Krock were present to be recognized for their participation in the ICTM State Math Competition

D. Recognition of Ingersoll Middle School Student Anna O'Brien – Elected Mid-West District Representative for Illinois Junior High Student Councils

Middle school student Anna O'Brien was recognized by the Board for her recent election as the Mid-West District Representative for Illinois Junior High Student Councils;

E. Recognition of Nick Gregory, Jeremy Knott, and Asher Feeman – Medalists at the Mid-Illini Welding Contest

Nick Gregory, Jeremy Knott, and Asher Feeman, CHS medalists at the Mid-Illini Welding Contest, were recognized by the Board of Education for their 4th place team finish and individual third place finishes;

F. Recognition of American Grille for Support of the Canton School District

Kim Newburn from American Grille was presented a plaque in recognition of the restaurant's continued support of the students of Canton Union School District #66.

G. 22 CHS Students Inducted into the National Honor Society

22 Canton High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on May 7, 2017.

H. Additional Good News Items

Additional *Good News Items* presented: 1) The Best Buddy Program and Club Unify is active district-wide and the District 66 teams won the Unified Champion Award at the Special Olympics track meet; and 2) Board member Jake Snowman graduated from Bradley University and will continue his education at law school.

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no audience requests to address the Board of Education.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS NOTED (*) AS INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Bishop moved to approve the revised Consent Agenda. Board member Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Lewis, Coleman, Kees, J. Snowman, T. Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried.

*8. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Reorganizational Board Meeting, April 27, 2017

The minutes of the Reorganizational Board Meeting on April 27, 2017 were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

*9. FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

A. Consider Payment of Bills and Payroll

The May 2017 bills and payroll were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

B. Treasurer's Report

The April 2017 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. Tad DeRenzy provided the Board with an update on fund balances and payments owed the district by the State of Illinois. A community forum, in conjunction with area churches and social services, will be held on June 12, 2017 to educate the community on the effects on the school district due to the lack of a state budget. (On File)

*10. PERSONNEL

A. Retirements/Leaves/Resignations

1. Medical Leave of Absence, Licensed Staff Member, Effective Beginning August 14, 2017
2. Resignation, Amy Johnson, Third Grade Teacher, Eastview Elementary School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
3. Resignation, Shelly Windsor, Teacher Assistant, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective April 7, 2017
4. Resignation, Ryan Pearson, Physical Education Teacher, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
5. Resignation, Mark Ghidina, Assistant Principal, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
6. Resignation, Karen Culbertson, Temporary Reading Aide Position, Lincoln Elementary School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
7. Retirement, Rick McLaren, Building Trades Teacher, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2017-2018 School Year
8. Resignation, Jon Grzanich, Athletic Director, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
9. Resignation, Michelle DuWaldt, School Social Worker, Eastview and Lincoln Elementary Schools, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
10. Resignation, Jeffery Reale, Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year

Approved as presented under the Consent Agenda: Medical Leave of Absence for a licensed staff member, effective beginning August 14, 2017; resignation of Amy Johnson, Third Grade Teacher at Eastview Elementary School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; the resignation of Shelly Windsor, Teacher Assistant at Ingersoll Middle School, effective April 7, 2017; resignation of Ryan Pearson, Physical Education Teacher at Canton High School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; resignation of Mark Ghidina, Assistant Principal at Ingersoll Middle School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; resignation of Karen Culbertson, temporary Reading Aide position at Lincoln Elementary School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; retirement of Rick McLaren, Building Trades Teacher at Canton High School, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year; resignation of Jon Grzanich, Athletic Director, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; resignation of Michelle DuWaldt, School Social Worker at Eastview and Lincoln Elementary Schools, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year; and the resignation of Jeffery Reale, Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor at Canton High School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year. (On File)

B. Employment

1. Kelly Albin, Title I Teacher/RtI Coach, Lincoln Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
2. Amanda Havens, Kindergarten Teacher, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
3. McKenzie Coulter, First Grade Teacher, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
4. Shelby Knobeloch, First Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
5. Devan Spears, Third Grade Teacher, Eastview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork) (Enclosure)
6. Kyle Lindmark, Fourth Grade Teacher, Eastview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
7. Adam Colgan, Technology Specialist, District-wide, Effective as Soon as Possible (Enclosure)
8. Tyler Christiansen, Physical Education Teacher, Canton High School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)
9. Courtney Richardson, Speech Language Pathologist, Eastview and Westview Elementary Schools, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork)

Employment approved as presented under the Consent Agenda: Kelly Albin, Title I Teacher/RtI Coach, Lincoln Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); Amanda Havens, Kindergarten Teacher, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); McKenzie Coulter, First Grade Teacher, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); Shelby Knobeloch, First Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); Devan Spears, Third Grade Teacher, Eastview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); Kyle Lindmark, Fourth Grade Teacher, Eastview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); Adam Colgan, Technology Specialist, District-wide, Effective as Soon as Possible; Tyler Christiansen, Physical Education Teacher, Canton High School, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork); and Courtney Richardson, Speech Language Pathologist, Eastview and Westview Elementary Schools, Effective Beginning the 2017-2018 School Year (Pending required paperwork). (On File)

C Transfers

There were no transfers presented for action on the May 15, 2017 board meeting agenda.

D. Extracurricular

1. Resignation, Ryan Pearson, Head Football Coach, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year
2. Employment, Christina McCoy, Sophomore Volleyball Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2017-2018 Season
3. Employment, William McCullum, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2017-2018 Season

4. Employment, Jason Haupt, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2017-2018 Season (Enclosure)
5. Employment, Cody Myers, Head Varsity Football Coach, Effective 2017-2018 Season
6. Resignation, Michael Walters, Varsity Baseball Coach, Canton High School, Effective June 30, 2017

Extracurricular items approved as presented under the Consent Agenda: 1) Resignation, Ryan Pearson, Head Football Coach, Canton High School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year; 2) Employment, Christina McCoy, Sophomore Volleyball Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2017-2018 Season; 3) Employment, Jason Haupt, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Canton High School, Effective the 2017-2018 Season; 4) Employment, Cody Myers, Head Varsity Football Coach, Effective 2017-2018 Season; and 5) Resignation, Michael Walters, Varsity Baseball Coach, Canton High School, Effective June 30, 2017.

Action on Employment, William McCullum, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Canton High School, was deferred for action post closed session.

11. ACTION

*A. Consider Approval of Destruction of Audio Recording of Board Meeting Closed Session Held on October 19, 2015 and October 24, 2015

The Board approved the destruction of the audio recordings of the closed session held on October 19, 2015 and October 24, 2015 as presented under the Consent Agenda.

*B. Consider Approval of Food Service Agreement Between Canton Union School District #66 and the Regional Safe School Program for the 2017-2018 School Year (Enclosure)

The renewal of the Food Service Agreement between Canton Union School District #66 and the Regional Safe School Program for the 2017-2018 school year was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

*C. Consider Approval to Allow the Superintendent or his Designee to Apply for the Following State and Federal Grants: Preschool for All Three to Five Early Childhood Grant; English Language Learner-Title II Grant; and NCLB Grants for Title I and Title IIA

Approval was given under the Consent Agenda for the superintendent or his designee to apply for state and federal grants: Peschool for All Three to Five Early Childhood Grant; English Language Learner-Title II Grant, and NCLB Grans for Title I and Title IIA.

*D. Consider Approval of Letter of Understanding Between the Canton Union School District #66 and the City of Canton for the School Liaison Officer, for a Period of August 2017 through July 2018

The Board approved the Letter of Understanding Between the Canton School District and the City of Canton for the School Liaison Officer for a period of August 2017 through July 2018 as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

*E. Consider Approval of Proposed 2017-2018 Student Handbook for Canton High School, Ingersoll Middle School, and District 66 Elementary Schools – 2nd Reading

Following closed session, Bishop moved to accept the proposed 2017-2018 Student Handbooks for Canton High School, Ingersoll Middle School, and the District 66 Elementary Schools as presented. Tom Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, T. Snowman, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, J. Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried. (On File)

*F. Consider Approval of Final 2016-2017 Official School Calendar

The Final 2016-2017 Official School Calendar was approved as presented under the consent Agenda. (Attachment)

*G. Consider Approval of Revisions to Board Policies – 2nd Reading:

2:100, Board Member Conflict of Interest
3:70, Succession of Authority
4:15, Identity Protection
4:130-E, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications
5:120, Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
5:230, Maintaining Student Discipline
5:285, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
5:300, Schedules and Employment Year
6:70, Teaching About Religions
7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunization; and Exclusion of Students

The Board approved revisions to board policies as presented under the Consent Agenda: 2:100, Board Member Conflict of Interest; 3:70, Succession of Authority; 4:15, Identity Protection; 4:130-E, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications; 5:120, Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:230, Maintaining Student Discipline; 5:285, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers; 5:300, Schedules and Employment Year; 6:70, Teaching About Religions; and 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunization; and Exclusion of Students. (On File)

*H. Consider Approval of Resolution for Attendance at the IASB-IASA-IASBO Joint Annual Conference, November 17-19, 2017

The Resolution for Attendance at the IASB-IASA-IASBO Joint Annual Conference on November 17-19, 2017 was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

*I. Consider Approval of Temporary Summer Custodians and Temporary Student Helpers: Joanna Foreman, Pam Johns, John Spahn, Mike Sorrill; Student Helpers – Logan Beam, Kelsey Clark, Christopher Driscoll, Aaron Evans, Kilee Lancaster, Madison Link, Cameron Lucas, Ethan Magnuson, Brandon Mortland, Taylor Nelson, Gabe Putman, Luke Randall, Kade Stancil, Evan Wheeler

Following closed session, Coleman moved to approve the temporary summer custodians – Joanna Foreman, Pam Johns, John Spahn, Mike Sorrill; and Student Helpers – Logan Beam, Kelsey Clark, Christopher Driscoll, Aaron Evans, Kilee Lancaster, Madison Link, Cameron Lucas, Ethan Magnuson, Brandon Mortland, Taylor Nelson, Gabe Putman, Luke Randall, Kade Stancil, Evan Wheeler) as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Bishop, Barnard, Kees, Lewis, J. Snowman, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

J. Consider Approval of Three-Year Contract for Denise Strube-Pieper, Superintendent's Secretary/Board Recording Secretary, Effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020

Coleman moved to approve the three-year contract for Denise Strube-Pieper for the position of superintendent's secretary/board recording secretary, effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30 2020 as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Bishop, Barnard, Kees, Lewis, J. Snowman, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

K. Consider Approval of One-Year Contract for Jason Parsons, Curriculum Director, Effective Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018

Coleman moved to approve a one-year contract for Jason Parsons as Curriculum Director, effective beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 as presented. Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Lewis, Barnard, Bishop, Kees, J. Snowman, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

L. Consider Approval of Separation Agreement and Release For Mark Ghidina, Assistant Principal, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year

Lewis moved to approve the retirement agreement for Mark Ghidina, Assistant Principal at Ingersoll Middle School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year, as presented. Tom Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, T. Snowman, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, and J. Snowman. Motion carried.

M. Consider Approval of One-Year Contract for Jay Valencia, Dean, Canton High School, Effective July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018

Bishop moved to approve a one-year contract for Jay Valencia as Dean at Canton High School, effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 as presented. Tom Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, T. Snowman, Barnard, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, and J. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

N. Consideration and Approval of a Memorandum of Proposed Settlement and Stipulation of Assessments Related to the Canton Harvester Inn PTAB Case

Bishop moved to approve the Memorandum of Proposed Settlement and Stipulation of Assessments Related to the Canton Harvester Inn PTAB Case as presented. Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Lewis, Barnard, and T. Snowman. Voting nay by roll call were board members Coleman, Kees, and J. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

O. Consider Approval of One-Year Renewal of Food Service Contract with Arbor Management, Inc., Effective July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018

Kees moved to approve a one-year renewal of the Food Service Contract with Arbor Management, Inc., effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, as presented. Jake Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Kees, J. Snowman, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman, Lewis, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

P. Consider Approval of Resolution to Loan Assets from Working Cash Fund to Operations & Maintenance Fund, Not to Exceed $250,000

Kees moved to approve the Resolution to Loan Assets from Working Cash Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund, not to exceed $250,000, as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Kees, Bishop, Barnard, Coleman, Lewis, J. Snowman, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (Attachment)

Q. Consider Approval of Proposal from County Truck Test Station for Cat Diesel 72" 1500CC Perkins LC Lawnmower in the amount of $13,634

Lewis moved to approve the proposal from County Truck Test Station for a Cat Diesel 72" 1500CC Perkins LC Lawnmower in the amount of $13,634 as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Bishop, Barnard, Coleman, Kees, J. Snowman, and T. Snowman. Motion carried. (On File)

12. REPORTS

A. Fund Balances (Enclosure) – T. DeRenzy

A report on the district's financial outlook, should the state fail to make General State Aid or categorical payments beginning in August, was provided to the board by district administrator Tad DeRenzy. Operating fund balances, monthly revenue and expenditures and estimates on fund balances at the end of each month (assuming no state payments are made) were detailed. (On File)

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Beginning of the Year Activities for School Kick-Off

Preliminary plans for back-to-school staff activities include a staff breakfast and a staff picnic.

B. Improvements to Canton High School Grounds

Information was provided to the Board on plans to make improvements to the high school grounds with funds received from an anonymous donation. An estimate of cost was provided; the project would require some matching funds from the district. It was the consensus of the Board to secure a solid bid and move forward with the project.(On File)

C. Veterans Memorial Garden at Canton High School

Drawings for construction of a Veterans Memorial Garden on high school grounds were provided to the Board. The project was initiated by an anonymous donor who secured contributions for the project from private donations and architectural services were also donated. Each branch of the service will be memorialized at the site, along with a United States flag and lighting. (On File)

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Reminder: Canton High School Commencement, Sunday, May 21, 2017, 2:00 PM

Canton High School Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 2:00 PM. (On File)

B. Staff Institute, Monday, May 22, 2017: 8 AM-Refreshments, CHS Cafeteria; 8:30 AM- Staff Recognition & Awards, CHS Auditorium

Invitation was extended to board members to attend the end-of-year Staff Institute on May 22, 2017 for refreshments and recognition of staff retirements and service awards.

C. Summer Maintenance Schedule

Questions regarding the list of summer maintenance projects should be directed to Maintenance Director Ric Mayhew. A meeting for temporary student custodial helpers will be held on May 18, 2017 at 3:30 PM in the high school library. (On File)

D. Update on Little Giant Education Foundation Meeting on May 10, 2017

The Little Giant Education Foundation is seeking new members, due to the resignation of two directors. At the May 10 meeting of the Foundation, short-term and long-term goals were discussed and Foundation members were asked to compile a list of Canton Alumni and community members as potential Foundation members.

E. Freedom of Information Request from James Bachman, IRTA Executive Director, Received May 8, 2017

A Freedom of Information request received from James Bachman, IRTA Executive Director, received May 8, 2017 was responded to in the timeline required by law. (On File)

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Yearly Planning Calendar

1) Special Board Meeting for the purpose of establishing district goals: June 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom

16. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District – [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]
B. Discuss Student Disciplinary Matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)] and/or Educational Matters Relating to Individual Students [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)]
C. Discuss Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Board member Lewis moved to enter closed session to discuss matters pertaining to the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District – [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; Student Disciplinary Matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)] and/or Educational Matters Relating to Individual Students [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)]; and Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Jake Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, J. Snowman, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, T. Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried.

Board members entered closed session at 7:55 PM. The Board returned to open session at 9:52 PM.

17. ACTION

A. Possible Approval of an Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for Student #2017-A as Discussed in Closed Session

Lewis moved that the Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion with the parents of Student #2017-A providing for placement in the McCall Safe School for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year and part or all of the 2017-2018 school year pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6, be approved as discussed by the Board of Education in closed session. Jake Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, J. Snowman, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, and T. Snowman. Motion carried.

18. ADJOURN

Board member Bishop moved to adjourn the regular meeting; Kees seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Kees, Coleman, Lewis, J. Snowman, T. Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried.

Board President Leonard Barnard declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

_____ _____

Leonard Barnard, Board President | Lori Coleman, Board Secretary

_____

Janet Werry, Recording Secretary