

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Canton Union School District #66 was held in the Boardroom at the Administration Building, 20 West Walnut Street, Canton, Illinois on Monday, November 18, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Please silence cell phones)

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 and Tom Snowman.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MARK TARTER

A moment of silence was taken in memory of School Board Member Mark Tarter and retired teacher Linda VanZant. Board President Barnard mentioned that Mark Tarter came to him several years ago asking what he could do to help the children of our community and Mark decided he would like to become a school board member. He mentioned that Mark always wanted to help and do what was best for the kids in our community.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Board member Lewis moved that the agenda be amended to move 15-C up on the agenda to be discussed after 12-B. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Bishop, Barnard, Coleman, Kees and Snowman.

6. GOOD NEWS ITEMS

A. Canton High School Little Giant Care Closet - Presentation by Stacey Murphy and Kelsey Emberton

Stacey Murphy and Kelsey Emberton presented to the board an update on the Canton High School Little Giant Care Closet. Originally this was created to provide hygiene products to the students who needed them which led to the discussion of adding food, clothing and shoes. Stacey mentioned that Julie Henderson with First Baptist Church reached out to her and wanted to help fill shelves with items. Julie was able to get shelves donated and help expand the care closet to also include clothes, food and school supplies. The Little Giant Care Closet has received donations from friends, family, staff, community members, Mid America National Bank, the Village of Dunfermline and Julie Henderson. Additionally, Beth Kelly with First Baptist Church is providing weekend "Buddy Bags" which contain non-perishable food items, Brad Murphy with Rent A Center donated a refrigerator and Graham Hospital donated shelves. Stacey Murphy mentioned they are also working with the River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, IA who will be providing donations of food to our program. In the first week of operation the Little Giant Care Closet has served 139 Canton High School students. Bailey Norton added that the Student Council is hosting a canned food drive that will also benefit the Little Giant Care Closet and Food Pantry. Bailey Norton mentioned they will split the donated items and funds between both the Little Giant Care Closet and the First Baptist Church.

B. Additional Good News Items

Board member Jane Lewis mentioned that she attended the play at Canton High School this weekend. She commented on how wonderful the play was and what a great job the students did to put on this performance.

Board President Leonard Barnard congratulated Bailey Norton on receiving Senior of the Month at Canton High School.

7. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of all items noted (\*) as included on the Consent Agenda

Prior to consideration of approval of the Consent Agenda, Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy provided a financial update on fund accounts.

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

9. \* MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2019

B. Minutes of the Closed Session, October 21, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session on October 21, 2019 were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

10. \* FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

A. Consider Payment of Bills and Payroll

The November bills and payroll were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

B. Treasurer's Report

The October Treasurer's Report was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

11. \* PERSONNEL

A. Retirements/Leaves/Resignations

1. Retirement of Judy Dudek, Part Time Reading Aide, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning December 20, 2019
2. Retirement of Marilyn Floerke, Cafeteria, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning December 20, 2019
3. Family Medical Leave Act, Non-Certified Staff Member, Beginning Approximately October 30, 2019 through December 2, 2019

The Retirement of Judy Dudek, Part Time Reading Aide, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning December 20, 2019; the Retirement of Marilyn Floerke, Cafeteria, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning December 20, 2019 and the Family Medical Leave Act, Non-Certified Staff Member, Beginning Approximately October 30, 2019 through December 2, 2019 were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

B. Employment

1. Employment of Wyatt Mason, 6th Grade Science Teacher, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning Pending of Illinois Certification (*Pending Background Check and Required Paperwork*)

The Employment of Wyatt Mason, 6th Grade Science Teacher, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning Pending of Illinois Certification was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

C. Transfers

D. Extracurricular

1. Employment of Amber Nelson and Lucinda Ward, Scholastic Bowl Sponsors, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning October 24, 2019
2. Employment of Christy Semande, Scholastic Bowl Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately
3. Employment of Drake Strode, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately

4. Approval of Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Seth Nolan, for the 2019-2020 School Year, Effective October 30, 2019
5. Employment of Erika Shaw, Varsity Cheer Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately

The Employment of Amber Nelson and Lucinda Ward, Scholastic Bowl Sponsors, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Beginning October 24, 2019; the Employment of Christy Semande, Scholastic Bowl Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately; the Employment of Drake Strode, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately; the Approval of Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Seth Nolan, for the 2019-2020 School Year, Effective October 30, 2019 and the Employment of Erika Shaw, Varsity Cheer Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning Immediately were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda.

## 12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. \*Consider Approval of Destruction of Audio Recording of Board Meeting Closed Session Held on April 16, 2018

The board approved the destruction of the audio recording of board meeting closed session held on April 16, 2018 as presented under the Consent Agenda.

- B. \*Consider Approval of Davis Sand and Gravel, Inc. for Snow Removal for the 2019-2020 School Year

The board approved the contract from Davis Sand and Gravel, Inc. for Snow Removal for the 2019-2020 School Year as presented under the Consent Agenda.

- C. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2019

Board member Lewis moved to approve the Resolution Regarding the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2019. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Lewis, Bishop, Barnard, Coleman, Kees and Snowman. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Levy for Leasing Educational Facilities, or Computer Technology or Both

Board member Kees moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Levy for Leasing Educational Facilities, or Computer Technology or Both. Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Kees, Snowman, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman and Lewis. Motion carried.

- E. Consider Approval of Resolution Providing for the Partial Abatement of Taxes Heretofore Levied for Tax Year 2019 for the Payment of Principal and Interest on the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of Canton Union School District Number 66, Fulton County, Illinois

Board member Coleman moved to approve the Resolution Providing for the Partial Abatement of Taxes Heretofore Levied for Tax Year 2019 for the Payment of Principal and Interest on the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of Canton Union School District Number 66, Fulton County, Illinois. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Coleman, Bishop, Barnard, Kees, Lewis and Snowman. Motion carried.

- F. Consider Approval of 2018-2019 State School Report Cards for Canton Union School District #66, Canton High School, Ingersoll Middle School, Eastview Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School and Westview Elementary School

Board member Bishop moved to approve the 2018-2019 State School Report Cards for Canton Union School District #66, Canton High School, Ingersoll Middle School, Eastview Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School and Westview Elementary School. Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Bishop, Lewis, Barnard, Coleman, Kees and Snowman. Motion carried.

- G. Consider Approval of the School District Improvement Plan

Board member Lewis moved to approve the School District Improvement Plan. Kees seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Lewis, Kees, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman and Snowman. Motion carried.

## 13. REPORTS

- A. District #66 Metrics Report

There were no questions or concerns regarding the monthly District Metrics report that was provided to the board.

#### 14. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Schedule Board Policy Governance Committee Meeting

The board discussed scheduling a Board Policy Governance Committee Meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

#### 15. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. November 2019 Building Reports

The November 2019 Building Reports were presented to the Board for review. Board President Barnard commented that the reports were very good and praised the principals who put the reports together.

##### B. Thank You Card from The Tarter Family

Board President Barnard thanked the board and administrators for attending Mark Tarter's funeral and visitation.

##### C. CTE Partnership with SRC/MSSC

Jason Parsons spoke about a possible new educator program and partnership with Spoon River College. This would offer a dual credit possibility that could potentially lead to a triple credit opportunity for students. Tad DeRenzy, Mike Lindy, Jay Valencia, Jason Parsons and representatives from Spoon River College will be visiting Unit 5 School District in Bloomington to observe the classroom and inner workings of this program. Further discussion for development of this potential new Educator Program will begin in mid-December.

#### 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

##### A. Yearly Planning Calendar

The yearly planning calendar was reviewed and there are no changes that need to be made at this time.

#### 17. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discuss Student Disciplinary Matters and/or Educational Matters Relating to Individual Students [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) and (10)]

B. Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]

C. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or is imminent. [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)]

Board member Kees moved to enter closed session to discuss student disciplinary matters and/or educational matters relating to individual students [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) and (10)], the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)] and litigation, when an action against affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)]. Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were Kees, Lewis, Barnard, Bishop, Coleman and Snowman. Motion carried.

The board entered into closed session at 7:41 PM. The board returned to open session at 8:18 PM.

#### 18. ACTION

A. Consider Approval of an Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for Student #2020-C as Discussed in Closed Session

Board member Lewis moved to approve the Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for Student #2020-C as Discussed in Closed Session. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Bishop, Barnard, Coleman, Kees and Snowman. Motion carried.

19. ADJOURN

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

Board President Barnard declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Jane Lewis, Vice President

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Lori Coleman, Secretary

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Emily Dosier, Recording Secretary