

TO: District #66 Employees  
FROM: Janet Werry, Board Recording Secretary  
DATE: March 19, 2019  
RE: 3-18-19 Board Meeting Summary

At the regular meeting of the Canton Union School District #66 Board of Education held on Monday, March 18, 2019, the following items took place:

1. The regular meeting of the Canton Union School District #66 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Leonard Barnard in the boardroom at the Administration Building.
2. Board members present were Leonard Barnard, Ben Bishop, Lori Coleman, Matt Kees, Jane Lewis, Tom Snowman, and Mark Tarter.
3. President Barnard led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. There were no amendments to the March 18, 2019 regular board meeting agenda.
5. Under Good News Items: 1) Canton High School musicians participating in the ILMEA All-State Music Conference were presented certificates by the Board. Participants were McKenna Churchill, Joseph Buczko, Philip Murphy, Jacob Krus, Brianna Hedden, and Hunter Varnes. Directors Anthony Militello and Justin Johnson were congratulated on the District 66 success at the state music conference; 2) State Qualifiers for the 2019 IESA Class A State Wrestling Meet were presented certificates from the board for their participation in the state meet. Qualifiers were Lucas Smith, Maddux Steele, Jack Jochums, John Davis, Duncan Harn, Trevor Hedges, Joseph Norton, and Andrew Eustice. Hedges finished third at state and Norton won State Champion; 3) Winners of the District #66 Spelling Bee were recognized by the Board of Education: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Ryan Blanco; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Heaven-Leigh Scalf; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Andy Wang. Ryan Blanco and Heaven-Leigh Scalf advanced to the the Regional Office of Education Spelling Bee; 4) The Board expressed appreciation to the Canton Church of the Brethren for their donation of winter clothing items for students in need. The items have been distributed throughout the District. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Church; 5) A team of Canton High School teachers provided an update on progress with Freshman Academy. The percentage of students achieving sophomore status has increased over the last three years (Percentages of students NOT achieving sophomore status over the last three years are: 21% in 2016-17; 12.8% in 2017-18; 7.2% in 2018-19). They reported that support staff has been added to the program, a Freshman Mentoring Program with the Class of 2020 will be implemented, and steps are being taken to foster more parent contact and involvement; and 6) Attendance at Grandparents Day at Eastview Elementary School exceeded expectations and was a success.
6. Those items approved under the Consent Agenda are:
  - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 20, 2019
  - Minutes of the Closed Session, February 20, 2019
  - March bills and payroll
  - February Treasurer's Report
  - Medical Leave of Absence, Licensed Staff Member, Beginning Approximately May 8, 2019 Through the Remainder of the 2019 School Year
  - Medical Leave of Absence, Licensed Staff Member, Beginning February 25, 2019 Until April 22, 2019
  - Resignation, Jennifer Krieger, Special Education Teacher, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective the End of the 2018-2019 School Year
  - Resignation, Amy Picton, Reading Aide, Westview Elementary School, Effective March 14, 2019

- Medical Leave of Absence, Licensed Staff Member, Effective February 25, 2019, for approximately seven to ten weeks
- Medical Leave of Absence, Licensed Staff Member, Effective Beginning March 5, 2019, Return Date to be Determined
- Employment of Lauren Wilcoxon, Kindergarten Music Teacher, Westview, Eastview, and Lincoln Elementary Schools and Shared with Cuba School District, Effective the Beginning of the 2019-2020 School Year (*Pending required background check and paperwork*)
- Employment of Patricia Reneau, Reading Aide 1, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning March 11, 2019
- Employment of Nathan Gardner, Special Education Teacher, Canton High School, Effective Beginning the Beginning of the 2019-2020 School Year (*Pending required background check and paperwork*)
- Employment of Sara Hammond, Reading Aide 1, Canton High School, Effective Beginning March 19, 2019 (*Pending required background check and paperwork*)
- Carrie Wheeler, Second Grade Teacher, Westview Elementary School, Effective Beginning the 2019-2020 School Year
- Transfer of Amanda Sipe from Second Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher at Westview Elementary School Effective Beginning the 2019-2020 School Year
- Approval, Stewart McGinnis, Volunteer Football Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Approval, Joshua Kemper, Volunteer Bass Fishing Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Employment, Tyler Christiansen, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (9-10), Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Employment, Morgan Fraga, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (9-10), Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Resignation, Ken Brant, Sophomore Basketball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
- Destruction of audio recording of closed sessions from the regular board meetings on August 3, 2017 and August 21, 2017
- Continued membership of Ingersoll Middle School in the Illinois Elementary School Association
- Continued Membership of Canton High School in the Illinois High School Association
- 2018-2019 Amended Public School Calendar for Canton Union School District #66
- Jade Thornley, Western Illinois University, student teacher, beginning March 11, 2019 for eight weeks with Jennifer Watts, Special Education, Ingersoll Middle School
- Continued Employment of Canton Union School District #66 Licensed Staff (excluding retirements and resignations previously approved), including:
  - **Fourth Year Teachers:** Kendall Malmberg, Andrew Mulholland, Jessica Jones, Nicole Jones
  - **Third Year Teachers:** Amy Anderson, Jessica Bequeaith, Andrew Gillam, Tara Keets, Amy Sawyer
  - **Second Year Teachers:** Kelly Albin, Tyler Christiansen, McKenzie Coulter, Zacharey Crawford, Carl Fisher, Taylor Fraga, Carrie Gobert, Dustyn Hart, Amanda Havens, Kristy Hobby, Courtney Kachanuk, Shelby Knobloch, Kyle Lindmark, Denise Matzke, Kayla Peters, Devan Spears, Amanda Valentin
  - **First Year Teachers:** Jessica Anderson, Joe Brewer, Miranda Clardy, Colton Downs, Brooke Ford, Morgan Fraga, Justin Johnson, Cassondra Juliusson, Joshua Kemper, Kim Malone, Megan Martin, Theresa Miller, Teka O'Neil, Taylor Snowman, Molly Stinauer, Lucinda Ward, Nicole Zasada
  - **Partial Year Recent Hires:** Bailey Fisch, Sarah Saenz, Melanie Turgeon
- Overnight trip for Canton High School Girls Soccer Team to travel to Champaign, Illinois for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Judah Tribe Invitational On April 5-6, 2019 at Judah Christian School

7. In other action, the Board of Education approved a 48-month Service, Maintenance, and Lease Agreement with Digital Copy Systems, LLC for printers and copiers throughout the school district, at a considerable savings to the District.
8. The Board approved a three-year lease agreement with Midwest Bus Sales for one 2019 14-passenger MFSAB Chevy/Thomas activity bus at the rate of \$9450 per year.
9. There were no questions or concerns on the District Metrics Report provided to the Board.
10. The Board Reorganizational Meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom.
11. The March 2019 Building Reports were provided to the Board.
12. The timeline for continued discussion on the feasibility of Attendance Centers in the Canton School District was provided to the Board. Public hearings will be scheduled in June and July 2019.
13. A meeting of the Board Policy Governance Committee was scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019 at 2:30 PM in the boardroom.
14. A report detailing the concerns, duties, benefits and costs of creating the position of Dean at Ingersoll Middle School was provided to the Board. Consensus of the Board was to move ahead with the position.
15. Board members indicated their support of conducting an auction of district items this summer.
16. Activities Director Brad Hulet provided a proposal for a new floor in the weight room at Canton High School. The weight room is heavily used by students before, during, and after school, and during the summer months for strength conditioning. The need for new equipment, room expansion, and painting was also discussed. Donations have been received from the community and the Booster Club.
17. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will be reactivated for continued oversight of District properties. Committee members are Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen, Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy, Activities Director Brad Hulet, Maintenance/Custodial Director Rod Harris, and District Architect Bill Phillips. Board members Matt Kees and Jane Lewis volunteered to represent the Board of Education on the committee. A committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM in the boardroom.
18. Ingersoll Middle School teachers presented a proposal for an Idea Room at the middle school as an option for students to further enrichment and creativity. The presentation highlighted the impact on IMS students, classroom benefits, classroom use, lab benefits, and collaboration and communication. A preliminary estimate for lab remodel work and costs for equipment were provided to the Board. Funding for the project will be through a Title Grant and one-cent sales tax revenue. Consensus of the board was to proceed with the project.
19. March Building Reports were provided to the Board in their board meeting packet.
20. Director of Student Learning Julie Tarvin provided an in-depth report on the Continuous Improvement Process in District 66. The process consists of three steps: 1) Planning with SMART Goals; 2) Action Plans; and 3) Reporting, with goals set for each building for improvement in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social & Emotional Learning. Google Classroom is being implemented for teachers; Board members were extended the opportunity to investigate the Google classroom that the licensed staff will be using.

21. The Regional Office of Education #26 annual building inspection reports, provided to the Board of Education, reflected only minor findings; steps have been taken to correct the findings.
22. A Freedom of Information Request from Bethany Simpson, Data Acquisition Specialist at SmargProcure was received on February 27, 2019 and responded to in the timeline required by law.
23. The Board entered closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.
24. Upon returning to open session, President Barnard declared the regular board meeting adjourned at 10:56 PM.
25. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Administration Building boardroom.