

DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Board President Barnard led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in memory of Ingersoll Middle School student Charles Montgomery and Canton graduate Cody Krulac.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the posted regular meeting agenda.

5. GOOD NEWS ITEMS

A. Recognition of Canton High School and Ingersoll Middle School Participants in the ILMEA All-District Choir

Canton High School students and Ingersoll Middle Schools students who participated in the ILMEA All-District Choir and Band were present to be recognized by the Board.

B. Additional Good News Items

Additional Good News Items presented: 1) CHS highlights: the speech team placed second at the recent Speech Tournament; Madrigals and the winter concerts were a success; Incubator class met their mentors; Brian Duvendack, student representative to the Board of Education, was student of the month; carolers have graced the halls of CHS; 2) New discipline procedures implemented at the middle school have reduced the number of office referrals; The Climate Committee and staff are commended for the successful implementation; 3) Middle school teacher Ashley McKown was awarded a \$500 Make Activities Count (MAC) grant; 4) Elementary Christmas Teas were a success; 5) A new online system for course selection at CHS is on target for the 2018-2019 school year and

dual credit classes will be expanded next year; and 6) Coaching staff are dedicated to bringing a new training program to the high school (VOLT strength and conditioning).

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration. Board member Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board member Tarter seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Tarter, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried.

*8. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 20, 2017
- B. Minutes of the Closed Session, November 20, 2017

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 20, 2017 and the minutes of the closed session on November 20, 2016 were approved as presented on the Consent Agenda. (On File)

*9. FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

- A. Consider Payment of Bills and Payroll

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

- B. Treasurer's Report

The November 2017 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy provided a comparison of fund balances as compared to last October. An increase was reflected in the Education Fund, Transportation Fund, and Working Cash Fund; the Operations and Maintenance Fund showed a decrease as compared to last year at this time. (On File)

*10. PERSONNEL

- A. Retirements/Leaves/Resignations

- 1. Medical Leave of Absence, Non-Certified Staff Member, Effective December 15, 2017 for approximately two weeks (Board Enclosure)

The medical leave of absence for a non-certified staff member, effective December 15, 2017 for approximately two weeks was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

B. Employment

There were no employment items presented on the December 18, 2017 regular board meeting agenda.

C Transfers

There were no Transfers presented on the December 18, 2017 regular meeting agenda.

D. Extracurricular

1. Resignation, Michael Frasier, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
2. Approval, Carl Fisher, Volunteer Football Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning the 2018-2019 Season
3. Approval, Madi Link, Volunteer Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning 2017-2018 Season (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*)
4. Approval, Victoria Roberts, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning January 1, 2018 (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*)
5. Approval, Christina McCoy, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective 2017-2018 Season
6. Approval, Dennis Owens, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective 2017-2018 Season (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*)

Extracurricular positions approved as presented under the Consent Agenda: 1) Resignation, Michael Frasier, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately; 2) Approval, Carl Fisher, Volunteer Football Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning the 2018-2019 Season; 3) Approval, Madi Link, Volunteer Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning 2017-2018 Season (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*); 4) Approval, Victoria Roberts, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach, Canton High School, Effective Beginning January 1, 2018 (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*); 5) Approval, Christina McCoy, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective 2017-2018 Season; and 6) Approval, Dennis Owens, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective 2017-2018 Season (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*).

11. ACTION

- *A. Consider Approval to Authorize Superintendent and Finance Director to Begin FY 19 Budget

The Board gave authorization for the superintendent and assistant superintendent to begin the FY 19 Budget.

- *B. Consider Approval of Destruction of Audio Recording of May 4, May 9, and May 16, 2016 Closed Sessions

The Board gave approval for destruction of audio recordings of May 4, May 9, and May 16, 2016 as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

- *C. Consider Approval of Letter of Intent to Return to Work 2018-2019 School Year, Michelle Franzoni

The Board took action to approve the Letter of Intent to Return to Work 2018-2019 School Year received from Michelle Franzoni as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

- *D. Consider Approval of Health/Life Safety Amendment For Removal and Replacement of Ceiling Tile and Lighting Fixtures at Ingersoll Middle School

The Board approved the Health/Life Safety Amendment for removal and replacement of ceiling tile and lighting fixtures at Ingersoll Middle School as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

- E. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2017

Board member Bishop moved to approve the Resolution Regarding the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2017 as presented. Kees seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Kees, Coleman, Lewis, Snowman, Tarter, and Barnard. Motion carried. (Attachment)

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

Board member Tarter moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Levy for Leasing Educational Facilities, Or Computer Technology, or Both as presented. Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Tarter, Snowman, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, and Barnard. Motion carried. (Attachment)

- G. Consider Approval of Canton High School Curriculum and Program Updates and Additions

Board member Bishop moved to approve the Canton High School curriculum and program updates and additions as presented. Tarter seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Tarter, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried. (On File)

- H. Consider Approval of Ingersoll Middle School Curriculum and Program Updates and Additions

Board member Snowman moved to approve the Ingersoll Middle School curriculum and program updates and additions as presented. Lewis seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Snowman, Lewis, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Tarter, and Barnard. Motion carried. (On File)

- I. Consider Approval of Elementary Curriculum and Program Updates and Additions

Discussion was held on the importance to provide details of the curriculum and program updates and additions, as the school district continues to move into 21st Century Learning, with the media and community.

Tarter moved to approve the elementary curriculum and program updates and additions as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Tarter, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried.

J. Appointment of Board Member To Serve as Chairman for Selection of District Auditor

Letters have been sent to auditing firms for quotes on serving as the school district's auditor. The responses will be reviewed and a recommendation brought before the Board of Education for approval in February 2018.

Board member Lewis moved to appoint Board Member Matt Kees to serve as chairman for the selection of a district auditor. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Bishop, Coleman, Snowman, Tarter, and Barnard. Board member Kees abstained. Motion carried.

Board members Jane Lewis and Tom Snowman and Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen reported on a Webinar for ProStart, detailing a two-year program for culinary arts in a school setting. The program is aligned to the Illinois Standards.

12. REPORTS

A. Elementary Professional Learning Communities (Enclosure) – Bridgette Dennis, KiLee Lidwell-McFerren, Anne Grzanich

Elementary Principals Anne Grzanich, Bridgette Dennis, and KiLee Lidwell-McFerren gave a presentation on the Elementary Professional Learning Communities use of Makerspace in the classrooms. The K-4 program, implemented in the District 66 elementary schools, is structured to bring the students into 21st Century Learning and focuses on collaboration, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving skills. Students use a hands-on approach to creating, building, investigating, and designing. The use of Makerspace is a direct connection to curriculum already in place.

B. Therapy Dogs in School (Enclosure) – Taylor Smith, School Social Worker

School Social Worker Taylor Smith gave a presentation on Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), highlighting the objectives, benefits, goals, and objections of implementing a therapy dog in the Canton school setting. The program would be implemented initially for individual students, collecting data on the benefits to students and expanding based on interest and/or need.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Draft of Transportation Policy

A draft of the Transportation Policy was provided to the Board and will be forwarded to the District 66 attorney for review. The Policy provides guidance to the Transportation Department and will be brought before the Board for adoption once it is finalized.

B. Schedule Meeting of the Board Policy Governance Committee

Members of the Board Policy Governance Committee will schedule a meeting for January 2018. Board member Tarter will serve on the committee during the absence of board member Bishop.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. December 5, 2017 Elementary SIP Day – Makerspaces

This agenda item was covered by the elementary principals' presentation on agenda item 12-A. (On File)

B. Distribution Percentages from County School Facilities Tax

Distribution percentages from the Fulton County School Facilities Tax, based on Fall 2017 enrollment figures, were provided to the Board. The CUSD #66 percentage, based on an enrollment of 2493, will be 46.2953%. (On File)

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Yearly Planning Calendar

1) The date of the January 2018 regular board meeting will be changed to Monday, January 22, 2018, due to board member schedules and the assurance of a quorum.

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)] (Board Enclosure)

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

Board member Bishop moved to enter closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and to discuss student disciplinary matters and/or educational matters relating to individual students [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9 & 10)]. Board member Tarter seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Bishop, Tarter, Barnard, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, and Snowman. Motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 8:30 PM. The Board returned to open session at 9:52 PM.

17. ACTION ITEM

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

Board member Tarter moved to approve the Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion with the parents of student #2017-C providing for placement in the McCall Safe School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, the entire 2018-2019 school year, and the fall

semester of the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 as discussed by the Board of Education in closed session.. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Tarter, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Lewis, Snowman, and Barnard. Motion carried. (On File)

- B. Consider Approval of Amended Contract for Cheley Martin, Student Services Director, Effective Beginning January 1, 2018

Board member Lewis moved to approve the amended contract for Cheley Martin, Student Services Director, effective beginning January 1, 2018, as presented. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Lewis, Bishop, Coleman, Kees, Snowman, Tarter, and Barnard. Motion carried. (On File)

- C. Consider Approval of 2017-2018 Evaluation of Rolf Sivertsen, Superintendent

Board member Kees moved to accept the 2017-2018 evaluation of Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen. Bishop seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Kees, Bishop, Coleman, Lewis, Snowman, Tarter, and Barnard. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Approval of Employment Contract for Rolf Sivertsen, Superintendent

Action on the employment contract for Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen was tabled. No action taken.

18. ADJOURN

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

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

Leonard Barnard, President

Lori Coleman, Board Secretary

Janet Werry, Recording Secretary