

FEBRUARY 20, 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 No. 66 was held in the boardroom at the Administration Building, located at 20 West Walnut Street, Canton, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President Jane Lewis 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 Ben Bishop (via telephone conference call), Lori Coleman, Jane Lewis, Tom Snowman, and Mark Tarter. Board member Matt Kees entered the board meeting already in session at 7:03 PM. Board member Leonard Barnard was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice-President Lewis led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF RETIRED CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TEACHER CHERYL DARE

The Board held a moment of silence was held in memory of retired Lincoln Elementary School teacher Cheryl Dare.

Board member Matt Kees entered the board meeting at 7:03 PM.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Sivertsen made recommendation to remove Report Item 12-C, Update on District Goals/School Improvement Plans, from the agenda. Board member Coleman moved to remove Report 12-C from the agenda. Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Snowman, Kees, Lewis, and Tarter. Motion carried.

5. GOOD NEWS ITEMS

A. Recognition of Nicole Cain, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, as the 2019 Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year

Lincoln Elementary teacher Nicole Cain was present to be congratulated as the 2019 Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.

- B. Recognition of Julie Tarvin, CUSD Director of Student Learning, as the Recipient of the 2019 YWCA Women of Achievement STEM Award

Julie Tarvin, the District 66 Director of Student Learning, was presented a letter from the Board of Education congratulating her as the recipient of the 2019 YWCA Women of Achievement STEM Award.

- C. Recognition of CHS Student Alexandra Chamberlin as the Recipient of the YWCA Young Woman of Achievement Award

Canton High School Student Alexandra Chamberlin was presented a letter from the Board of Education congratulating her as the recipient of the YWCA Young Woman of Achievement Award and the Nancy Elson Scholarship.

- D. Recognition of State Qualifiers for 2019 IHSA Class 2A State Wrestling Meet

State Qualifiers Dylan Grigsby and Jacob Waskow, and coaches Zach Crawford & Andy Mulholland were presented certificates from the Board for their participation in the 2019 IHSA Class 2A State Wrestling Meet.

- E. Additional Good News Items

Additional Good News Items presented: 1) Middle school teacher Amanda Valentin reported to the Board on plans for the newly formed History Club at Ingersoll Middle School to take a field trip to the Chicago Field Museum on March 25, 2019. Approximately 20-30 students plan to participate in this learning opportunity. Students sold t-shirts and worked concessions to fund the field trip; 2) Lincoln Elementary School has received a \$1000 Score Grant through the Illinois Education Association. Funds will be used to provide items for the Lincoln snack pantry; 3) First recipient of the Academic Scholar Award in the recently implemented monthly Jimmy John's award program was Canton High School student Bailey Norton. As the recipient of this award she received a sweatshirt, gift card, certificate, and is featured on the JJs' electronic board on Locust Street; and 4) The Ingersoll Cub Unify put together floral bouquets for delivery to residents at Renaissance Care Center.

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

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

\*8. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 17, 2019
- B. Minutes of the Closed Session, January 17, 2019
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 28, 2019
- D. Minutes of the Closed Session, January 28, 2019

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 17, 2019; minutes of the Closed Session on January 17, 2019; minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 28, 2019; and the minutes of the Closed Session on January 28, 2019 were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda (On File)

\*9. FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

A. Consider Payment of Bills and Payroll

The February 2019 bills and payroll were approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy reported on current fund balances as compared to the February 2018. The Education Fund, Operations & Maintenance Fund, Transportation Fund, and Work Cash Fund all reflected an increase from last year at this time. Fund balances may necessitate the District to adopt a revised budget for FY19.

B. Treasurer's Report

The January 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

\*10. PERSONNEL

A. Retirements/Leaves/Resignations

1. Retirement, Donald Foulk, Custodian, Effective March 29, 2019
2. Resignation, Wayne Krus, Principal, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective June 30, 2019
3. Resignation, Raynee' Kessler, Reading Aide, Westview Elementary School, Effective February 14, 2019

The retirement of Donald Foulk, Custodian, effective March 29, 2019; the resignation of Wayne Krus, Principal at Ingersoll Middle School, effective June 30, 2019; and the resignation of Raynee' Kessler, Reading Aide at Westview Elementary School, effective February 14, 2019 was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

B. Employment

There were no employment items presented for approval on the February 20, 2019 regular board meeting agenda.

C. Transfers

There were no transfers presented on the February 20, 2019 regular board meeting agenda.

D. Extracurricular

1. Resignation, Josiah Martin, Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Immediately
2. Employment, Josiah Martin, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
3. Employment, Kelly Murphy, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately
4. Approval, Mariah Hedges, Volunteer Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*)

Approved as presented under the Consent Agenda: 1) Resignation of Josiah Martin, Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Ingersoll Middle School, Effective Immediately; 2) Employment, Josiah Martin, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately; 3) Employment, Kelly Murphy, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately; and 4) Approval, Mariah Hedges, Volunteer Softball Coach, Canton High School, Effective Immediately (*Pending Required Paperwork and Background Check*). (On File)

11. ACTION

- \*A. Consider Approval of Destruction of Audio Recording of Closed Sessions from June 26, 2017 and July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meetings

The Board gave approval for destruction of the audio recording of the board meeting closed sessions held June 26, 2017 and July 17, 2017 as presented under the Consent Agenda.

- \*B. Consider Approval of 2018-2019 Amended Public School Calendar for Canton Union School District #66

The Board approved the 2018-2019 Amended Public School Calendar for Canton Union School District 66 as presented. (Attachment)

- \*C. Consider Approval to Adjust End of Third Quarter to March 15, 2019

The Board approved the adjustment of the end of Third Quarter to March 15, 2019 as presented under the Consent Agenda.

- \*D. Consider Approval of Amendment to Facilities Rental Contract

The Board approved an amendment to the Facilities Rental Contract as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

- \*E. Consider Approval of the Renewal for the Life Safety Bond for Paula Arrenholz for the Policy Period of January 18, 2019 through January 18, 2020.

The renewal of the Life Safety Bond for Paula Arrenholz for the policy period of January 18, 2019 through January 18, 2020 was approved as presented under the Consent Agenda. (On File)

- F. Consider Approval of Purchase of 2019 Ford F-450 Cab & Chassis (State Contract #4018300) in the Amount of \$36,637.00

Coleman moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-450 cab and chassis (state contract #4018300) in the amount of \$36,637; Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Snowman, Kees, Lewis, and Tarter. Motion carried. (On File)

## 12. REPORTS

- A. District #66 Metrics Report

There were no questions or concerns on the District Metrics Report provided to the Board in their board packet.

- B. Presentation/Request for Biomedical Capstone Course (Enclosure) – CHS Biomedical Students

Canton High School students Hunter Varnes, Kurstin Bohanan, Hallie Moffitt, Bailey Norton, Ellyn Petty and Sada Eveland from Jamie Schoonover’s Biomedical Capstone Course reported to the Board on the classes (Principles of Biomedical Science; Human Body Systems; and Medical Interventions) offered at the high school through partnership with *Project Lead The Way*. Information on class activities, benefits to students and the community, and the movement of District #66 as a showcase site were highlighted. Canton High School will host a PLTW showcase event on April 4, 2019, providing invited teachers and administrators from other districts the opportunity to view first-hand the exciting opportunities open to CHS students. (On File)

- C. Update on District Goals/School Improvement Plans

Item 12-C was removed from the agenda under Amendments to the Agenda.

## 13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Bus Purchase

Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy briefed the Board that it was his recommendation to purchase two new conventional 71-passenger busses, with trade-in of two high-mileage busses. Quotes will be provided for Board action.

- B. Activity Bus Lease

Three options for continuation of an activity bus for District 66 use were made by Assistant Superintendent Tad DeRenzy: 1) purchase the current activity bus (mileage 15,000) for approximately \$33,000; 2) contract a new lease, \$9000 a year; and 3) purchase a new activity bus, approximately \$56,000. Recommendation was made to initiate a new lease on an activity bus (option 2). Quotes will be provided for Board action.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. February Building Reports

There were no questions or concerns regarding the February building reports. (On File)

B. Updated CUSD 66 Hiring Procedures

Curriculum Director Jason Parsons provided a review of the revisions to the CUSD 66 Hiring Procedures. Updates were made for alignment to new District #66 initiatives (Four Pillars) supported by revisions to the employment processes, application document, and interview questions. (On File)

C. Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Council Update

The Board heard a review of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Council meeting from Curriculum Director Jason Parsons. District administration, Board of Education, and CHS licensed staff are represented on the Council. Discussion was held on CTE objectives, focus, and expansion and growth of the program, with the vision of a 'school within a school' concept.

D. FY 19 Canton Activities First Semester GPA Data

Data on the First Semester GPA for students involved in extracurricular activities at the high school was provided to the Board. Discussion was held on implementing a form of recognition for the Club with the higher GPA. The Board requested information on the number of high school students not involved in an extracurricular activity. (On File)

E. IASB Western Division Dinner Meeting, March 5, 2019, Lewistown CUSD 97

Board members were reminded of the Illinois Association of School Boards Western Division Dinner Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2019 at Lewistown CUSD 97. (On File)

F. Freedom of Information Request from Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Received January 15, 2019

A Freedom of Information request from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association was received in the District Office on January 15, 2019 and responded to in the timeline required by law.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Yearly Planning Calendar

No items presented for inclusion on the Yearly Planning Calendar.

16. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees Of The Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the

Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine Its Validity – [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]

Board member Kees moved to enter closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to Illinois School Code [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; Board member Tarter seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Kees, Tarter, Coleman, Lewis, and Snowman. Motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 7:48 PM. The Board returned to open 8:38 PM.

17. ADJOURN

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

Vice-President Lewis declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Jane Lewis, Vice-President

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Lori Coleman, Secretary

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Janet Werry, Recording Secretary