

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE
CANTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD MONDAY – AUGUST 21, 2017**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees and the Canton Local Board of Education met in a special joint session at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 21, 2017. Representing the Canton Township Board of Trustees was Trustee Nichols, Trustee Mittas, and Trustee Shaffer. Also present was Fiscal Officer Ronald Smith, Road Superintendent/ Zoning Director Jonathan Smith, and Fire Chief Christopher Smith. Representing the Canton Local Board of Education was Mr. Scott Hamilton, Mr. Rick Knight, Mr. Chris Cole, Mr. Dave Brothers, and Mrs. Christine Scarpino. Also present was Superintendent Steve Milano, Treasurer Jason Schatzel, and Director of Operations Chris Noll.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was for the Canton Township Board of Trustees and the Canton Local Board of Education to meet together to discuss past, present, and future collaborative efforts that benefit the residents of Canton Township and the Canton Local School District.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Nichols opened the meeting speaking on behalf of both Boards. Mr. Shaffer facilitated the open discussion.

Review of Past Collaborative Efforts:

- School zone traffic signals
- Joint effort to purchase mulch for Township parks/ school playgrounds and sharing manpower
- Welcome to Canton Township sign design and shared cost
- Community volunteer opportunities for students
- Teamwork between Canton Local schools and Canton Township regarding signs, equipment, and other needs

Current and Ongoing Efforts:

- Newsletter coordination- sharing of space for articles and updates
- Fire Department support and visits at various events
- Working together on safety drills
- Supporting and attending the community events
- Working together to ensure road safety during the winter weather and school opening/ closing
- Continuing efforts to improve safety in school zones

Future Opportunities:

- Possible Frisbee Disc Golf in Faircrest Park- schools can use for Physical Education and club activities
- Coordinating levy/ bond requests
- Scheduling Board meeting so they do not overlap allowing residents to attend both meetings
- Priority scheduling for parks/ community buildings
- Government students exposure to Canton Township operations and Board of Education- Hosting student representatives
- Videotaping Board Meetings- possibly working with students in the future with video production
- Student involvement in the Canton Township Free Recycle Day and Safety Day
- Use of Faircrest Park for outside performances/ Canton Township has talent joint effort
- Working with the trade and career tech classes on park construction and design
- Community homecoming parade
- Initiatives to retain younger individuals in the township. Developing a mini-comprehensive plan to include resident, business, and government perspective as part of the planning.
- Canton Township historical collection and preservation
- Collaborative effort to bring a YMCA and a Stark County District Library branch to the Township
- Future plans for a new middle school facility
- Possibility of school resource officer, who is currently contracted with Canton Local Schools for 10 months, to be contracted by Canton Township for 2 months during the summer
- Discussed the efforts underway to raise money for an artificial turf field and improvements to the stadium
- Updates from both Boards on future needs and operational efficiencies
- Mr. Shaffer thanked the school district for approving use of the land behind the Community Center for the fire training facility
- Ideas for improvements to the community parks and additional sport fields
- Discussed upcoming city water project
- Future development opportunities in Canton Township
- Plan for next meeting in 4-6 weeks to keep the momentum up on the topics

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Scarpino with all votes being unanimous.

Canton Local Board President

Canton Local Treasurer

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES- Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William G. Mittas, Vice President

Mark R. Shaffer, Member