

## **Canton Local Schools**

### Community Meeting

January 10, 2012 7:00 pm Canton South High School

Approximately 200 community members attended the third of three community meetings to hear the vision to date for the future of Canton Local Schools.

#### **Introduction:**

The following were recognized:

Canton Local Board of Education Members David Brothers, John Martin, John Mariol, Scott Hamilton and Craig Strasser. Also in attendance were two former Canton Local Superintendents Dr. Teresa J. Purses and Dr. Harold Walker.

#### **Meeting Goals:**

Kim Redmond, Superintendent state the goals of the evening:

- Recap our facilities plan
- Gather ideas, support and contribution for a successful March 6 Bond Issue
- Unveil our Campaign Video ...

a video of OUR Schools, Our Community and our Children

Since 1998, Canton Local Schools had been exploring the future need and opportunity for new facilities,, and, in 2012 our future is now. Through a series of community meetings, this community has shaped the direction of our current facility plan. This is your plan. The plan is practical, efficient and smart, a true reflection of this community, not a cookie cutter plan of the state of Ohio.

#### **On Display**

Sketches around the room featured a new Canton South High School and the flagship at the corner of Faircrest and Cleveland Avenue, and on the Faircrest Campus a remodeled Faircrest Memorial transformed into a pre-K through 5 elementary and a new grade 6-8 middle school.

#### **Speaker - Sandy Manges:**

Local area relator Sandy Manges, also a CS alumni and retiree, gave her thoughts about what new schools can do for our community from an economic standpoint.

#### **Information**

While we know approximately where our new schools will be located and approximately their square footage, the real work of what it looks like inside, will not begin until March 7<sup>th</sup> and we will continue to work with all stakeholders for input. The group was encouraged to go to the district website [www.cantonlocal.org](http://www.cantonlocal.org) under Master Facilities Building Plan to find all the information on all or our community meetings, questions answers and more. For any questions you may contact Wendy Busnick to set up a meeting with for lunch or dinner with the superintendent. A Superintendent's Chat will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at McCalls Banquet Room. This is a time for your questions to be answered in a less formal forum.

#### **Our Campaign**

We are officially eight weeks from the election on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This meeting marked the official kick-off for a once in a lifetime opportunity for this community. From the beginning, our team wanted to give the community a high quality and affordable option. It is not a question of if we will be on the ballot ... we are. It is not a question of if this is a good time ... the time is right to boost the jobs and economy and to capitalize on the lowest interest rates in history. Our campaign strategy will be very personal and straightforward. We have 18 teams of people committed to finding 2500 YES votes.

### **Voter Registration/Vote by Mail**

Voter Registration deadline is February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Vote by Mail option was encouraged. We have fewer voting polls and March will be guaranteed to be busy as a Primary Election. Vote by Mail is a great way to vote in the convenience of your home while you make the best decisions. Forms were also available and will continue to be available in every school office.

### **February 7<sup>th</sup> Special Community Night at Boys Basketball Game**

Half time entertainment in support of Issue 14 promises to knock your socks off. Come and support our team and Issue 14 in the last month of the campaign.

### **Challenge**

Tables were asked to give their thoughts and advice as to what we should do to be successful on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Ideas from the table discussion are listed on the website. We believe the biggest challenge is to get the YES voters to CAST their vote. Every Yes vote can be the difference maker.

### **John Mariol – Speaker**

Proud CS graduate John spoke of the wonderful opportunity that passing Issue 14 can give the students and community.

### **Canton Local Video**

The video is available for you to view on the district website. You will see Canton Local at it's best... our community, our children and our plan... you will also see some of the reasons that the time is now for our future.

Information will continue to be updated on the district website. Contact Wendy Busnick if you would like to schedule a time to meet with the superintendent or have specific questions answered (330-484-8019 ext. 714 or [wendy.busnick@cantonlocal.org](mailto:wendy.busnick@cantonlocal.org)).