

# Canton Board of Education Holds Its Regular Meeting at the High School

## *Social Studies Students Participate in Process*



Canton Board of Education meets at CHS, May 14, 2009

The Canton Board of Education held its May 14th meeting in the high school auditorium so that students could participate in this democratic component of local government.

Channel 3 News attended and captured the opening of this first-ever event and interviewed the two Board of Education student representatives.

The meeting was opened at 8:30 a.m., by BOE Chair Lou Daniels with a greeting to all attendees and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since one of the key functions of the Board of Education is the recognition of achievement among the students, staff, and volunteers to the schools, Mr. Daniels, Superintendent Kevin Case, and Principal Gary Gula recognized over 60 students and staff members for their successes in music, academics, the arts, and athletics. [Click here for a complete list of recognized individuals.](#)

The Board and audience also viewed a brief video of students Ryan Abraham and Chris Robitaille receiving the Red Cross' Good Samaritan Youth Award at the recent Charter Oak Heroes Breakfast. Mr. Daniels, on behalf of the Board, also presented Frances Klimczak with a gift of appreciation for her two years' of service as the student representative to the Board of Education.



Following the celebratory portion of the meeting, the work of the Board began with students from the social studies classes in attendance. Mr. Jerry Domanico presented the financial report, and several of the Board members presented the reports of their subcommittee: Mr. Jon Webb reported on facilities and the Canton Education Foundation's upcoming golf event fundraiser. Ms. Susan Crowe reported on upcoming policy changes for setting graduation dates and participation fees.

Board member Susan Crowe speaks at the meeting.

**Kelly Nedorostek, one of the Student Representatives, gives the student report.**



At several intervals in the meeting, Mr. Daniels invited "Public Forums" to take place, so that students could come to the microphone, state their names and addresses, and comment or ask questions of the Board.



**(left to right) Superintendent Kevin Case, Board Chair Lou Daniels, Vice Chair Carlene Rhea, Secretary Patti White, and Board Member Jonathan Webb invite the students to ask questions.**

The students took him up on the offer, asking questions about the change to February vacation and the participation fees for athletics which are part of the 2009 - 2010 budget.

They asked the Board to consider bringing back "Taste of Canton" as part of Spirit Week and a host of other issues that most concern them.



**High school student, Olivia Graziano, asks a question about the length of lunch periods.**

*The meeting was adjourned shortly before 11:00 a.m.*