

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, February 23, 2017  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 p.m.**

Present Board Members:

William Oros, Chairman  
Jennifer Beausoleil, Vice Chair (arrived 5:47 p.m.)  
Michael Sobol, Secretary  
Frank Infante  
Mary Kortmann  
Eugene Marchand  
Mary Minor (arrived 7:07 p.m.)

**I. Call to Order - 5:30 p.m.**

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

W. Oros led the salute to the flag.

**III. Workshop: Goal Setting with Jonathan Costa**

J. Beausoleil arrived (5:47 p.m.).

The Board reviewed the current mission statement and goals with Mr. Costa and the Superintendent, Mr. Petrone. The group discussed how the district would move forward.

M. Minor arrived (7:07 p.m.).

7:20 p.m. there was a short break.

Also Present:

Ben Urbanski, Student BOE Representative

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience Members Present: Josh Murphy, CHS Band Teacher; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; several students; the Wesoloskie family; the Journal Inquirer was represented

**IV. Audience of Citizens - 7:30 p.m.**

There were none.

## **V. Report of Superintendent**

Mr. Petrone reviewed district events that have taken place over the past few weeks. In addition, he talked about various workshops and association meetings he attended. He also reviewed the current search for a new CGS principal.

### **V.A. Student Recognition: Nick, Charlotte, and Caroline Wesoloskie - PJ Day for CCMC Fundraiser**

Mr. Petrone recognized Nick Wesoloskie for his work in fund raising for CCMC with PJ Day. This event, which now goes beyond Coventry, entitles people to wear PJs to school if they donate \$1. Mrs. Wesoloskie spoke about the ongoing efforts and thanked the staff, administrators and the Coventry community for their support. Mr. Petrone presented the family with a token of appreciation.

### **V.B. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report**

Mr. Urbanski talked about what has been going on at the high school, including students signing up for next year's classes.

M. Kortmann noted that the CHS Boys Track Team was a Class S Runner Up and also had a State Champion in the 1000 and the Boys Sprint Medley and 2nd Place in the 1600.

## **VI. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

J. Beausoleil asked that the first item be removed from the consent agenda and added to New Business.

### **VI.A. Approve CHS March Field Experience to New York, NY**

**MOTION: Approve the remaining item on the consent agenda**

**By: J. Beausoleil**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **VII. Report of Chairman**

W. Oros talked about the CABE Day on the Hill event. He also noted that March is Board Appreciation Month.

### **VII.A. Committee Assignments**

W. Oros noted he would participate as a Board representative on the CGS Principal search's paper screening committee on March 15.

#### **VII.A.1. Town CHS Walls Code Compliance Building Committee (1 - BOE Representative)**

W. Oros said E. Marchand has agreed to serve.

#### **VII.A.2. Secretary Negotiations (3)**

J. Beausoleil, E. Marchand, and M. Kortmann all agreed to serve.

#### **VII.A.3. Nurse Negotiations (3)**

J. Beausoleil, F. Infante, and M. Minor agreed to serve.



means. He said he was unable to get agreement from the union groups, so that item will have to wait.

**MOTION: To approve the 2017-18 school calendar**

**By: M. Sobol**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked about the afterschool programs taking place during the early release staff development days. Mr. Petrone talked about that program. M. Kortmann asked if the information about the program could go out with the calendar release. Mr. Petrone said yes. M. Minor added that the alignment of the fall conferences will help parents a lot.

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**X.C. VOTE: Discussion and possible VOTE - FY2018 Budget**

W. Oros asked if there was a discussion with the Town Finance Director regarding the State funding concerns. Mr. Carroll said yes, and she was in agreement in that the teachers' retirement and the proposed special education grant would be on the Town side of the budget and that the excess cost grant would be removed from the BOE side, if the governor's proposal went through.

J. Beausoleil noted that it is important to note the actual figures for the public. Mr. Carroll said this means the budget will go up by \$769,233 from the original presentation. M. Sobol said this is a reduction in revenue from the State, not an increase in spending. Mr. Carroll agreed, noting this is a total increase of \$1,273,860 over last year, a 4.69% increase.

Mr. Petrone reviewed the details of these figures.

E. Marchand said he is very concerned about presenting this percentage to the community. M. Kortmann said it will need to be communicated well to the taxpayers.

J. Beausoleil discussed the State issues and how the costs are being passed to the municipalities.

M. Sobol asked what happens if the governor's proposal does not go through as presented, after our budget is approved. M. Kortmann said it is easier to reduce than to increase.

The Board talked about how to move forward.

**MOTION: To approve our FY2018 budget at a 1.86% increase with an accommodation for the excess cost revenue being removed at the state level, bringing the percentage to 4.69% an increase of \$1,273,860 over FY17**

**By: M. Sobol**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XI. New Business**

**XI.A. Accept the retirement of Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal**

**MOTION: To accept, with great reluctance, the retirement of Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: J. Beausoleil**

Discussion:

J. Beausoleil said she is very sad to see Ms. Moyer go.

M. Minor said we are indebted as a district for Ms. Moyer bringing all-day kindergarten to Coventry.



