

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, November 10, 2016
Administration Building Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:35 p.m.:

Board Members Present:

William Oros, Board Chair
Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Vice-Chair
Michael Sobol, Secretary
Mary Kortmann
Eugene Marchand
Mary Minor

Board Members Absent:

Frank Infante

Others Present:

Ben Urbanski, Student BOE Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience members present: Sgt. Michael McDonagh, Coventry Police Department; Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Cathie Drury, Educational Technology Director; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Pratt, Food Services Director; and several CHS students.

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

W. Oros led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Mr. Petrone reviewed different items happening around the district and also with different state and superintendent groups.

IV.A. Community Recognition: Sgt. Michael McDonagh, Community Policing Award

Mr. Petrone noted how pleased he is to acknowledge Sgt. McDonagh for receiving this recognition. He talked about his history with Sgt. McDonagh and commented on what a resource he is for the town and community.

J. Beausoleil said there is a great connection between the schools and the police department. She said Sgt. McDonagh is a fixture in the community and she thanked him for his service. M. Sobol said it is great that relationships such as this one has been established and thanked him.

IV.B. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report

B. Urbanski talked about the November schedule and noted the drama production will take place at the end of next week. He said the soccer teams are doing well and are going to the quarter finals. He reviewed the other teams as well. He talked about the mock elections held at the high school, the great participation, and reviewed the parties that won.

IV.C. Administrator 2016-2017 Goal Presentations

IV.C.1. Food Service Department

Ms. Pratt reviewed the Food Service Goals for the 2016-17 school year. Those goals can be found on the district's website.

J. Beausoleil asked if the dietary restriction database could be merged with the social media application so decisions could be made ahead of time. Ms. Pratt said she would look into that. M. Kortmann asked about the vendor restrictions. Ms. Pratt said she is looking forward to the training where she will learn more.

IV.C.2. Teaching and Learning

Ms. Mullaly reviewed the goals for Teaching and Learning for the 2016-17 school year. Those goals can be found on the district website.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

J. Beausoleil asked that the resignation of Colleen Lozier be removed from the consent agenda for discussion purposes.

V.A. Accept Resignation of Anna Booska, GHR Para-educator

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda item V.A

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V.B. Accept Resignation of Colleen Lozier, CHS Custodian

MOTION: Move to reluctantly accept the resignation of Colleen Lozier

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: J. Beausoleil said she is very sad to see Ms. Lozier go. She added she is a wonderful lady and was a welcoming member of the high school staff.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

Mr. Oros noted the Board of Education will be recognized at the CABE/CAPSS Convention. He also said that students will be there presenting the 3D project.

Mr. Oros also talked about the data portal developed by the SDE, which is available to the public. He said comparisons are available on many things such as dropout rates and test scores.

Mr. Oros said the Board will be reviewing the District Goals this winter. Mr. Petrone said he has secured Jonathan Costa to work with the Board on February 23 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of October 27, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 27, 2016

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Approve the 2017-18 Calendar

Mr. Oros said there are regulations from the State now regarding calendars. Mr. Petrone said there are benefits to having the same professional development days as surrounding towns and our RESC, EASTCONN.

J. Beausoleil said she has concerns and noted specifically, November. The Board talked about November and how broken up it is.

The Board talked about the Veterans Day and possibly having school in session and focusing on Veterans programs that day.

They also discussed the November grades 6-12 parent conference days and if they could be adjusted.

Mr. Petrone said he would be happy to do further research and come back with other suggestions.

The item was tabled.

IX.B. VOTE: Approve the BOE Regular Meeting dates for 2017

M. Kortmann asked about July and if we could do an early meeting in July. The Board continued to talk about summer dates.

J. Beausoleil asked for a meeting in August before school starts instead of after school starts. M. Minor said she enjoys a meeting right after school starts.

They decided to keep July 20. In addition, there was consensus to schedule the August dates for 10 and 31.

MOTION: To approve the 2017 Board of Education meeting dates with agreed upon adjustments

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Minor

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.C. Discussion: Policies Up for Adoption and Revision (To be warned for a VOTE of Adoption/Revision at a future regular BOE meeting)

J. Beausoleil said this is the first warning or public reading of the policies. They can either move forward for a vote at a future meeting, or back to the Policy Committee for further review.

She said all listed can be grouped together or the Board can go through each one individually.

M. Minor asked if they just track developments in the law. J. Beausoleil responded yes.

The Board agreed the items listed could move forward to a future meeting for a vote of approval.

IX.C.1. Proposed New Policies

1231 - Non-Discrimination

1252 - Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms

4116.11 - Policy Regarding Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

5131.72 - Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Policy and Reporting Procedures

IX.C.2. Policies up for Revision

1350 - School Security and Safety

4110 - Employment Checks

4116.1 - Non-Discrimination

4116.34 - Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder

4116.35 - Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees

4130 - Social Media

4151.2 - Family and Medical Leave

4216.2 - Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug-Free Workplace

5110 - Attendance and Truancy

5122.2 - Non-Discrimination

5125 - Confidentiality and Access to Education Records

5131.7 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

5131.71 - Safe School Climate Plan

5135.1 - Fundraising Activities

5141.21 - Administration of Student Medications in the Schools

5144 - Student Discipline

5145 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990

5145.4 - Student Privacy

6157 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-Wide Assessments

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Review, Meeting of November 10, 2016

M. Sobol reviewed the Fiscal Committee meeting discussions, including the Uniform Chart of Accounts, the possible Solar Panel Car Ports, and the next steps for the preschool program. The Board talked about what information will be needed and requested for the preschool program.

M. Sobol continued and noted the discussion surrounding the Use of Facilities. M. Kortmann reviewed the points and changes in the Policy and the Administrative Regulations.

M. Sobol continued and talked about the OpenGov discussion. He noted that at no fiscal expense to the Board we can get the program up and running. He said the item will be assessed as we move forward.

Mr. Carroll did a brief review of the Management Report, including the special education costs.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.
By: M. Kortmann **Seconded: M. Sobol**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: December 8, 2016