

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Mary Minor, Secretary  
Mary Kortmann  
Peter Larson  
William Oros

Board Members Absent:

Frank Infante  
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman

Also Present:

Ben Urbanski, Student BOE Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Girl Scout Troop 65115; Ronda Lezberg, CGS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Robin Oleksenko, CHS Social Worker; Kirsten Krause, CHS Senior; Maggie Ziko, CHS Senior; Victoria Phillips, K-5 Library Media Specialist; GHR students Rowan Phillips, Kate Spiesman, Evan Hayes and Summer LaPlante; Elizabeth Wright, CHS Drama Advisor and English Teacher, CNH student Celia Delvecchio; several parents; Pat Cox, Athletic Director; and the Chronicle Newspaper was represented.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

Girl Scout Troop 65115 led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There were none.

**IV. Report of Superintendent**

Dr. Petrone talked about various events and meetings taking place around the district.

**IV.A. Recognition: CHS Student Organizers - March 14 Walk-In with Robin Oleksenko, CHS Social Worker**

Dr. Petrone talked about the student organized event that honored the victims of the Parkland FL shooting. Ms. Oleksenko introduced Kirsten Krause and Maggie Ziko, CHS seniors, who were present at the meeting. Kirsten and Maggie thanked all of their fellow students who participated. They talked about the experience and noted that everyone came together and that it was an impactful event. J. Beausoleil expressed her pride in the Coventry students who took the initiative to create their own event as opposed to copying what everyone else was doing. P. Larson thanked the students for getting involved at a young age.

#### **IV.B. Recognition: Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal - Capt. Nathan Hale School Designated as a NELMS Spotlight School**

Dr. Petrone reviewed the requirements needed to be designated a NELMS Spotlight School. He congratulated Ms. DeJulius for this honor. Ms. DeJulius thanked the Superintendent and the Board for all of their support. Dr. Petrone presented Ms. DeJulius with a token of the Board's appreciation.

J. Beausoleil thanked Ms. DeJulius for moving the district forward.

#### **V. Information: STEAM Museum Innovative Grant Update with Victoria Phillips, K-5 Library Media Specialist**

Dr. Petrone said he was proud to highlight this initiative tonight. Ms. Phillips was present to review the program. GHR students Rowan Phillips, Kate Spiesman, Evan Hayes, and Summer LaPlante assisted Ms. Phillips with the presentation. Ms. Phillips thanked the Board and Dr. Petrone for their support of these programs.

#### **VI. Information: Sound Off for Performing Arts Innovative Grant Update with Elizabeth Wright, CHS English Teacher**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Wright who shared a presentation on the transfer from the old sound board to the new sound board. Ben Urbanski and Celia Delvecchio assisted in the presentation.

J. Beausoleil said this presents a great opportunity for the students to work with state of the art equipment.

P. Larson also commented on how great this initiative is.

#### **VII. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report**

Mr. Urbanski reviewed various events taking place at the high school.

J. Beausoleil asked if there were any student reactions to the adjustments made to the calendar. Mr. Urbanski said the overall response was positive.

#### **VIII. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

**VIII.A. Accept the Resignation of Eduard Gibbs, CNH Band Teacher**

**VIII.B. Accept Retirement of Robin Rosen, CNH Health Teacher**

**VIII.C. Approve the June 2018 CGS Field Experience to Mendon, MA**

**MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: W. Oros**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **IX. Report of Chairman**

J. Beausoleil thanked the Superintendent and the staff for working collaboratively with Chief Palmer and members of the police department regarding security.

She continued and noted the Annual Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Veterans Auditorium.

She also talked about the FPS and Project Graduation fundraisers taking place on the same morning.

She said the Town Referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8.

She thanked the newest members of the Town Council who have taken the initiative to be informed about the budget.

## **XI. VOTE: Approval of Minutes**

### **XI.A. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2018**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 28, 2018**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: W. Oros**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **XII. Old Business**

### **XII.A. Information: Facilities Update**

Dr. Petrone said there is not much new to report. J. Beausoleil asked about the microgrid timeline, specifically a date when the bid process would be complete. Dr. Petrone said he would find out.

### **XII.B. Information and Possible VOTE: FY2019 Budget**

J. Beausoleil noted the attachments available. She added that the Board needs to vote on the adjustment that the Council made. Mr. Carroll said the \$30,000 reduction made by the Town Council could be covered by a retirement at GHR, under the certified salaries line. J. Beausoleil said this seemed like a reasonable line to adjust.

**MOTION: To absorb the \$30,000 reduction made by the Town Council in the GHR certified salary line, object 111**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

### **XII.C. Policies up for Adoption and Revision**

**XII.C.1. VOTE: Approve New Policy #4111 Plan for Minority Staff Recruitment**

**XII.C.2. VOTE: Approve the following Policies as Revised**

**XII.C.2.a. 1231 - Non-Discrimination (Community)**

**XII.C.2.b. 4110 - Employment Checks**

**XII.C.2.c. 4116.1 - Non-Discrimination (Personnel)**

**XII.C.2.d. 4116.34 - Abuse or Neglect of Disable Adults**

**XII.C.2.e. 5122.2 - Non-Discrimination (Students)**

**XII.C.2.f. 5125 - Confidentiality and Access to Education Records**

**XII.C.2.g. 5141.21 - Administration of Medication in Schools**

**XII.C.2.h. 5144 - Student Discipline**

**XII.C.2.i. 9368.11 - Regular Business Meetings**

**XII.C.3. VOTE: Approve the following Policies as Revised (Internal/Legal Reference Changes Only)**

**XII.C.3.a. 4116.35 - Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees**

**XII.C.3.b. 5110 - Attendance and Truancy**

**XII.C.3.c. 5118.1 - Homeless Children and Youth**

**XII.C.3.d. 5143 - Restraint and Seclusion**

**XII.C.3.e. 6157 - IDEA Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities**

J. Beausoleil reviewed the policy procedures and noted each of the policies listed for adoption and revision this evening. The Board decided to lump all policies into one vote.

**MOTION: To approve for adoption and revisions the policies listed on the agenda**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: W. Oros**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XIII. Report of Board Members**

**XIII.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of March 28, 2018**

J. Beausoleil reported. She reviewed the meeting of March 28, noting that the M&J representatives who came were very knowledgeable and accommodating. J. Beausoleil reiterated how much the Board respects and values the drivers.

She continued and talked about the GPS tracking software and also the route creation software.

M. Minor asked that a specific date be set now for this routing to be done. Dr. Petrone said he would share the timeline with the Board.

The Board continued and discussed the possibility of M&J doing a "trial" run of routing using this year's information. Mr. Carroll said he would check with M&J.

**XIII.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of April 12, 2018**

**XIII.B.1. Possible VOTE: Approve the Agreement between Billing Sports and Coventry High School**

J. Beausoleil asked Mr. Cox to explain the agreement. Mr. Cox talked about this decade old program.

J. Beausoleil asked about the co-op programs and would the other towns be obliged. Mr. Cox said it depends on who the primary town is; noting if it is Coventry, then yes.

J. Beausoleil talked about the various items that are bought by parents and how that would work. She said she is concerned about quality and price.

J. Beausoleil said she is concerned about a five year deal and would prefer to see two years to start. Mr. Cox said he could look into that request.

The Board continued to talk about what parents have to buy and what choices they would have.

The Board talked about different aspects of the agreement.

J. Beausoleil said she wanted to be sure we were protecting our parents.

M. Minor added she would like to know that all groups have had an opportunity to voice their thoughts.

J. Beausoleil asked Mr. Cox to come back with further information at the next meeting.

The Board asked that the following information be provided on April 26:

- Can the years of the contract be reduced
- Can a contract breach clause be added

