

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, April 26, 2018
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman
Mary Minor, Secretary
Frank Infante
Peter Larson (arrived 6:20 p.m.)
Mary Kortmann
William Oros

Also in attendance:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. Information: Board of Education Workshop: "Special Education Overview" with Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director

Mr. Giansanti shared a presentation titled "Special Education Overview."

P. Larson arrived 6:20 p.m.

The Board took a short break at 7:23 p.m.

J. Beausoleil reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Also in attendance: Ben Urbanski, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators in attendance:

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

Audience members in attendance: Ronda Lezberg, CGS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Jeff Spivey, Educational Technology Coach; Angela Puccia, CGS Teacher; Laura Boates, CEP Teacher and CNH Drama Advisor; Jillian Miner, HEEC Program Coordinator; Samantha West, HEEC Teacher; Pat Cox, Athletic Director; parents; students; the Chronicle Newspaper was represented.

III. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil asked for a volunteer to lead the salute to the flag. Paige Noyes, one of the CNH drama students, volunteered.

IV. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

V. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone talked about a variety of events taking place around the state and community.

The Board talked about the first luncheon offered at the Senior Center by the Coventry Food Services department.

The Board also mentioned the CHS Senior Portfolio Night, which was a success.

V.A. Information: CNH Drama Production "High School Musical Jr" Preview with Laura Boates

Dr. Petrone introduced Laura Boates who introduced the CNH Drama Company. They shared a short preview of the upcoming musical High School Musical Jr.

V.B. Information: Monkeying Around with Engineering Innovative Grant Update with Samantha West and Jillian Miner

Dr. Petrone introduced Jillian Miner and Samantha West who shared a presentation on their innovated grant initiative.

J. Beausoleil commented that it was nice to see how an "author day" works at the preschool level.

V.C. Recognition: Second Grade Students - CECA Tech Expo Presentation with Angela Puccia and Jeff Spivey

Dr. Petrone introduced Mr. Spivey and Ms. Puccia who reviewed the presentation that the students didn't get to share at the original venue, the CECA Tech Expo.

The Board commented on the outstanding technology skills of these second graders.

V.D. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report

Mr. Urbanski commented on Portfolio Night and the technology that is available in the district. He add information about a few items happening at the high school level.

VI. VOTE: Consent Agenda

J. Beausoleil asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the consent agenda. M. Minor asked that the retirement of Cyndy Alkire be removed.

VI.B. Approve the GHR May Field Experience to Sturbridge, MA

MOTION: Approve the remaining item on the consent agenda

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI.A. Approve the Retirement of Cindy Alkire, CHS Teacher

MOTION: Approve the retirement of Cyndy Alkire with regret

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: M. Minor noted that Ms. Alkire is wonderful to work with as a teacher and will be missed in relation to the science trips. M. Kortmann agreed. J. Beausoleil

commented on Ms. Alkire's work in the community. P. Larson said Ms. Alkire was a positive influence on him when he was a student. B. Urbanski noted how much he enjoyed her classes.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil talked about the professional development that was shared with the Board of Education this evening.

She noted the FPS and Project Graduation fundraisers taking place on Saturday morning.

J. Beausoleil continued and talked about the annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday morning, which will cover the budget information before it goes to referendum on May 8.

IX. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

IX.A. Approve Minutes of April 12, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 12, 2018

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: M. Minor

Result: Motion passes 5-0-2 (E. Marchand and F. Infante abstained)

X. Old Business

MOTION: Move the Billing Sports/Nike Agreement discussion to next on the agenda

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Billings Sports/Nike Agreement

Mr. Cox reviewed information he gathered over the past two weeks, which included what current brands the sports teams are using and if they would be opposed to being committed to only Nike. He noted the majority of those polled were in favor of using Nike. E. Marchand asked about the shooting shirts for the basketball team and if they would have to be Nike. Mr. Cox responded, yes, whatever is worn on the court. The Board discussed the footwear and the Nike money portions of the Agreement.

E. Marchand said he was in favor of the agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Billings Sports/Nike Agreement

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: E. Marchand noted the athletic department has struggled financially over the years and he thinks this is a great opportunity to benefit. J. Beausoleil said she has the same concerns as she noted last week. She said she would have liked to see contract language if there was a breach of contract by Billings. She added she would like to see the budget tracked for three years. P. Larson said he appreciated the polling of the teams.

Result: Motion passes 6-1 (J. Beausoleil against)

