

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman
William Oros, Secretary
Peter Larson
Mary Kortmann
Kelly Sobol

Board Members Absent:

Frank Infante

Administrators Present:

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

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil let the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed various end of year activities, including graduation.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

J. Beausoleil asked for resignation of Jennifer Jones and the retirement of Ann Lang to be pulled off the consent agenda.

V.A. Accept the resignation of Beverly Mitchell, CGS Para-educator

V.B. Accept resignation of Michelle Wade, GHR Teacher

MOTION: Approve the remaining items on the consent agenda

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Jones, CGS Reading Consultant

MOTION: To approve the resignation of Jennifer Jones

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: P. Larson

Discussion: J. Beausoleil talked about the dedication and hard work done by Ms. Jones and how sorry the district is to see her go. K. Sobol agreed and talked about the love of reading she has instilled in Coventry's children.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII. Accept retirement of Ann Lang, Central Office Secretary

MOTION: To accept the retirement of Ann Lang

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Discussion: J. Beausoleil acknowledged the work that Ms. Lang has done over the many years she has been with the district. She added that she has done an incredible job in the various roles she has held. M. Kortmann agreed saying said she has been around a long time and has always done an outstanding job.

J. Beausoleil said it is with great regret that the retirement is accepted.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil said one of the positive parts of being a Board member is participating in the high school graduation. She noted that staff members and their contributions are incredible.

IX. Communications

J. Beausoleil noted that a thank you letter from Kathleen Ryan is attached, which talks about her appreciation of the Chinese Language program.

X. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

X.A. Approve Minutes of June 14, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 14, 2018

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Old Business

XI.A. Information: Facilities Projects Update

Dr. Petrone talked about the variety of summer projects that are taking place in the district, including the entryway at CHS, Coventry Academy, Boilers, Oil Tanks, and the roof top units at HEEC.

XI.B. VOTE: To Adopt the Final FY2018-2019 Budget

J. Beausoleil said it is practice to adopt the final budget that was approved at referendum.

W. Oros noted the .88% increase and said he has concerns about how much longer this low of a budget can be worked with. J. Beausoleil said this is a status quo budget, not allowing for much movement forward.

W. Oros added we are doing our very best to keep costs down, but are just maintaining the programs.

J. Beausoleil said the budget was developed with what was known at that time in regards to special education costs. She said there are always concerns if new services are required that need to be covered in a budget.

MOTION: To adopt the final FY2019 budget that was passed at referendum
By: W. Oros **Seconded: M. Kortmann**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Report of Board Members

XII.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report - Meeting of June 14 and Reconvening on June 28, 2018

M. Kortmann reviewed the reconvened meeting held this evening. She said we are at the end of the year with just a few transactions left. She said they believe there will be approximately \$65,000-\$68,000 left. She said Fiscal is suggesting an amount be moved into the 1% non-lapsing account. She believes there will be a need to access the funds for projects being completed.

XII.A.1. Possible VOTE: Request Transfer of Funds to Non-lapsing 1% Account

MOTION: To give authorization to the Superintendent to send a letter of request to the Town Council asking to transfer \$55,000 into the Board's 1% non-lapsing account
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: W. Oros**

Discussion: J. Beausoleil said the money should be stated clearly and include other amounts that have been addressed this year. Dr. Petrone asked if two letters should be done to keep it clear. The Board agreed.

The Board continued to talk about funds that could still come in.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII.A.2. Possible VOTE: Approve Transfer(s)

Mr. Carroll said the projected management report does not require any transfers.

E. Marchand asked to report on the following items:

E. Marchand said he and W. Oros have begun interviewing the candidates for the next Student Board of Education Representative.

E. Marchand added that the Transportation Committee will meet on July 18 to review a draft of the 18-19 routes.

E. Marchand said that the Walls Committee Chair would like to update the Board at their August meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
By: W. Oros **Seconded: P. Larson**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

 Kimberlee Arey Delorme
 Board Clerk

Approved: July 12, 2018