

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 14, 2017
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

William Oros, Chairman
Jennifer Beausoleil, Vice-Chairmen
Michael Sobol, Secretary
Mary Kortmann
Eugene Marchand
Mary Minor

Absent Board Members:

Frank Infante

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Steve Merlino, CHS Assistant Principal; Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director; Ronda Lezberg, CGS Principal; Chris Kendall, CHS Teacher; Gabe Kendall, CHS Teacher; students, and BOE candidate Peter Larson.

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 7:38 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

Dr. Petrone talked about the different activities happening around the district.

J. Beausoleil commented positively on the Open Houses and also recent PTO meetings.

M. Minor agreed with how well the Open Houses went and how these events show the support of the community we live in.

IV.A. Recognition: CHS Advanced Placement Teachers- Gabe Kendall, Christine Kendall, and Kristen Sparks

Dr. Petrone recognized Ms. Sparks and Mr. and Ms. Kendall for the outstanding work they are doing at the high school. Mr. Blake talked about the AP reading work and thanked the teachers for their efforts.

W. Oros said this is the type of thing teachers do to make a difference in our school system. J. Beausoleil added this is just one piece of what the teachers do and she noted as a parent and Board member she is very appreciative.

IV.B. Information: Superintendent's 2017-2018 Goal Presentation

Dr. Petrone shared the 2017-18 Goal presentation with the Board of Education. These goals are available on the district's website.

Board members asked questions and discussed the "student led conference goal," the "autism plan goal," the "Chinese teacher goal," the "parent seminar goal," the "staff appreciation goal," and the "hiring process goal."

Dr. Petrone finished by saying that everyone has a piece in this, from the staff in the buildings to the Board of Education. He thanked the Board for their support.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Approve the CHS May 2018 Field Experience to Washington DC

The trip to Washington DC was removed for discussion.

MOTION: To Approve the CHS May 2018 Field Experience to Washington, DC

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked how we were able to do this again; did we apply? Mr. Blake said it is by invitation only and added, it is an honor to be invited.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

W. Oros thanked J. Beausoleil for taking the lead at the last Board meeting while he was away.

VII. Communications

E. Marchand said he and W. Oros met with three Student BOE Representative candidates and they have chosen this year's representative. He said it has been a pleasure to meet with these students.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of August 31, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 31, 2017

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: J. Beausoleil asked for a change on page 4. The sentence of the second paragraph, under the Transportation Committee report, should read, "The Board talked about the concerns with the bus company not using the routing software and also the new GPS system."

Result: Motion to approve the minutes with noted change passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

IX.A. Possible discussion and possible vote: FY18 Budget

J. Beausoleil said she attended the Town Finance Committee meeting. She reported that they discussed possible budget Town Meeting and Referendum dates. She continued and reviewed other items discussed at the meeting.

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Fiscal Committee Report - Meeting of September 14, 2017

M. Sobol said we are in a holding pattern waiting to see what will happen to the budget at the state level. He noted that two outplaced students have been brought back to the district, which is great for the students and also for the budget.

Mr. Carroll noted that the stadium lighting is having some issues - the transformer has cooked itself. He said the lights are out at the Athletic Field. Dr. Petrone said they are researching the warranties and how to proceed. The Board discussed what would happen to the night games. It was noted the GRIDIRON club is looking into renting lights for games.

Mr. Carroll talked about the work done on the floor at GHR through CIP funds. He noted an error was found and that item was supposed to include the CGS floor as well. Dr. Petrone talked about how they are trying figure out the timing to proceed with CGS.

M. Kortmann talked about the CIP and what items need to be funded. She suggested the Board include CIP in the proposal on Monday, September 25 to the Town Council.

J. Beausoleil noted that the recently Town Council approved Pickleball Courts cannot be used by the public during the school day.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme

Approved: September 28, 2017