

Coventry Board of Education

Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Approved Minutes of Thursday, October 12, 2017

Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

William Oros, Chairman

Jennifer Beausoleil, Vice Chairman

Michael Sobol, Secretary

Mary Kortmann

Eugene Marchand

Mary Minor

Board Members Absent:

Frank Infante

Also Present:

Ben Urbanski, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience Members Present: William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director; Ronda Lezberg, CGS Principal; Peter Larson, BOE Candidate; CHS students; Tim Sadler, ENCON; and Paul Michaud, Michaud Law Group.

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 reviewed different events happening around the district.

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

B. Urbanski reviewed the busy happenings taking place at the high school.

IV.B. Administrator Goal Presentations 2017-2018

IV.B.1. Technology Department

Ms. Drury shared the Technology Department goals for 2017-18. Those goals are available on the district's website.

M. Kortmann asked about PowerSchool and if there are different versions and how current is Coventry. Ms. Drury explained that Coventry pays yearly and updates are received throughout the school year. The Board continued to ask questions about the different components of PowerSchool.

W. Oros asked for an updated on the three year Technology Plan. Ms. Drury reviewed those goals and where the district is at, at this time. She noted that the district is doing very well.

J. Beausoleil said she is excited to see what the next plan will look like.

IV.B.2. Pupil and Staff Support Services

Mr. Giansanti shared the PSSS goals for 2017-18 school year. Those goals are attached to the district website.

E. Marchand asked what outside and community services the PSSS department would be collaborating with. Mr. Giansanti talked to that point.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Approve February 2018 CHS Field Experience to New York, NY

V.B. Approve CNH June 2018 Field Experience to LaCrosse, WI

MOTION: To Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

W. Oros noted the last meeting of the current Board is October 26. He said it has been a very rewarding two years. He encouraged the public to vote on November 7. He also talked about the CABE/CAPSS Convention in November.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of September 28, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 28, 2017

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

IX.A. Information and possible VOTE: ENCON Proposal, Approve New ZREC Application Authorization

Mr. Sadler reviewed recent events and noted the previous bid for Coventry was not selected. He said there is another opportunity and he is asking for permission to bid again at a lower rate.

J. Beausoleil said the potential savings are dramatic. She said it is a win-win for Coventry to reduce current costs. W. Oros asked if there are any physical changes to the designs. Mr. Sadler reviewed that and said no changes have been made since the last request.

MOTION: To authorize ENCON to move forward with the new bid

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.B. Facilities Update

W. Trudelle updated the Board on various projects taking place around the district, such as the HVAC system for the Administration Building, the fire alarms, athletic field lighting, and the tennis courts.

IX.C. Discussion and possible VOTE: FY18 Budget

There was no new information from the State.

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of October 12, 2017

Mr. Sobol reviewed the Fiscal meeting of October 12. He said the Committee looked at the next 30 day expenditure, through November 30. Dr. Petrone explained how that was developed. The Board had consensus the November 30 expenditure plan could be submitted to the Town.

X.A.1. Microgrid Grant Program

Mr. Trudelle explained the local aspect of the microgrid program.

Mr. Paul Michaud from the Michaud Law Group expanded on what a microgrid is. He noted there is no capital cost to the town. He said his firm would run the RFP on behalf of the Town. He continued and explained the process. He noted there are no fees charged to the town. He said you save money in your resiliency and there is no cost.

The Board members asked various questions regarding the process.

There was clarification that the Town and the Board both need to agree to go forward.

Mr. Michaud reiterated that the project would not cost the town any funds.

The Board continued to ask questions about the grant process.

MOTION: Add a vote regarding microgrid project.

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to work with the Michaud Law Group related to the microgrid project contingent upon the Board's ability to be equal partners with the Town Council in making decisions.

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

M. Kortmann reviewed the CIP and the changes made at Fiscal and asked Board members to review it before the next meeting when there will be a vote.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 26, 2017