

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

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

Board Members Present:

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

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: Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Todd Giansanti, PSSS Director; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; William Trudelle, Physical Plan and Facilities Director; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Patrick Cox, Athletic Director; CHS Volleyball Team Members; CHS Students; community members; Jennifer Trueman, K-12 Math Specialist; Stephanie Wissler, Math Interventionist; Lee Moran, GHR Para-educator; State Representative Timothy Ackert; and Paul Michaud, Michaud Law Group.

**I. Call to Order**

Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil let the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There were none.

J. Beausoleil asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

**IV. Report of Superintendent**

Dr. Petrone reviewed various events happening at the schools and throughout the region.

#### **IV.A. Recognition: Community Member and State Representative Timothy Ackert**

Dr. Petrone acknowledged all of the time that Mr. Ackert devotes to Coventry, both as a member of the legislation and also a local business owner.

E. Marchand noted the recent work done on the athletic field transformer. He said this meant a lot to the community at large.

M. Minor noted how busy Mr. Ackert is and said it is wonderful to see him at so many Coventry events. She thanked him for his work at the state capitol as well.

J. Beausoleil said there are a lot of business that give back to the community and Mr. Ackert is an excellent example of how that is done.

The Board presented Mr. Ackert with a token of their appreciation.

Mr. Ackert thanked the Board and the Superintendent and said that Coventry is a great community to support.

#### **IV.B. Recognition: CHS Girls Volleyball State Champions**

Dr. Petrone recognized the Volleyball team for their outstanding season and State Championship.

#### **IV.C. Recognition: GHR Para-educator Lee Moran Coventry's Para-educator of the Year**

Dr. Petrone acknowledged Ms. Moran's recognition as Coventry's Para-educator of the year nomination. Dr. Giller made a few comments on behalf of Ms. Moran's recognition.

Ms. Moran thanked the Board.

J. Beausoleil noted what a vital part of the classroom our para-educators are and thanked Ms. Moran for her efforts.

#### **IV.D. Recognition: Jennifer Trueman, Math Specialist and Stephanie Wissler, Math Interventionist - Presentation at the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England (ATMNE) "Knowing You're Growing Your Math Brain!"**

Dr. Petrone recognized Ms. Trueman and Ms. Wissler for the recent presentation they shared at this regional conference. Both Ms. Trueman and Ms. Wissler shared a few points from their presentation. They were provided with a token of the Board's appreciation.

#### **IV.E. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report**

Mr. Urbanski shared some of the events happening at the high school.

#### **IV.F. Information: HEEC Update**

Dr. Petrone shared a slide presentation on what's been accomplished so far this year at HEEC, since the district has taken full control of the program.

#### **V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

- V.A. Accept the Retirement of Jean Litwinas, CNH Para-educator**
- V.B. Approve CNH Feb 2018 Field Experience to Philadelphia, PA**

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

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **VI. Report of Chairman**

J. Beausoleil talked about the current budget development and also the microgrid program proposal.

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

### **VIII.A. Approve Minutes of November 9, 2017**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 9, 2017**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: W. Oros**

**Result: Motion passes 5-0-1 (M. Kortmann abstains)**

## **IX. Old Business**

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

Mr. Trudelle reviewed updates on various facilities projects. The Board discussed the Walls Committee information and next steps. Mr. Trudelle continued his review of facilities projects.

#### **IX.A.1. Review of Microgrid Bid Meeting of 12/4/17**

The Board talked about various items regarding the microgrid, including, what are the power needs and would they be met, and that the placement of unit cannot change once the grant has been submitted.

There was an extensive discussion about what the Board's understanding was at the special meeting and the current understanding.

There was consensus to move the microgrid application forward with noted changes to the MOU.

### **IX.B. VOTE: To Adopt the Final FY2017-2018 Budget**

**MOTION: To approve the FY18 budget that was passed at referendum**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: M. Minor**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **X. New Business**

### **X.A. Information: Budget FY2019 Planning Dates**

J. Beausoleil noted that the FY2019 budget planning dates have been developed and would be available for the public.

## **XI. Report of Board Members**

### **XI.A. Information: Review of Joint Fiscal/Finance Meeting of 12/11/17**

M. Kortmann noted that the majority of Board members were present for the joint meeting.

### **XI.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Meeting of December 14 Report**

M. Kortmann reviewed the figures that are available for November and what was discussed at the Fiscal meeting this evening.

#### **XI.B.1. Discussion and VOTE: Revised Capital Improvement Plan**

There was a review of the changes to CIP.

(W. Oros stepped out of the room.)

**MOTION: To approve the revised FY2019 - FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan for submission to the Town**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: 5-0**

(W. Oros stepped back in the room.)

#### **XII. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (School Security)**

**MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to school security with the Superintendent present at 10:01 p.m.**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: M. Minor**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **XIII. Open Session**

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m.**

**By: P. Larson**

**Seconded: W. Oros**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Minor  
Board Secretary

Approved: January 11, 2018