

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, January 10, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman
Frank Infante
Mary Kortmann
Kelly Sobol

Board Members Absent:

William Oros, Secretary
Peter Larson

Also present: Ryan Hayes, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience members present: several CHS students; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities.

The Journal Inquirer and the Chronicle newspapers were represented.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the Salute to the Flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed various meetings and happenings that have taken place in the district, region, and around the state. He also noted that a 3-hour delay will be added as an option, if needed, on mornings with inclement weather.

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

Ryan Hayes noted quarter two is wrapping up and mid-terms are scheduled for next week. He talked about winter athletics that are underway.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Carol Gould, GHR Teacher

V.B. Accept the Resignation of Jerry Pelletier, CGS Custodian

J. Beausoleil asked that Carol Gould's retirement be removed from the consent agenda.

MOTION: To approve Carol Gould's retirement with regret

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Discussion: J. Beausoleil said Ms. Gould has done amazing things with the music department at the intermediate school. She said our band program at the middle and high school level are outstanding due to the seed program she has developed at GHR. She added, she will be greatly missed.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: Approve the remaining item on the consent agenda

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil welcomed everyone back from December break. She noted the welcome reception scheduled for the Chinese visitors scheduled for Thursday, January 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the complex in the Library Media Center.

J. Beausoleil said the audit presentation is scheduled for Monday, January 14 at the Town Finance Committee meeting. She said this will be a joint meeting with the BOE Fiscal Committee.

She noted tonight is the first meeting related to the proposal of the FY20 budget.

VII. Communications

J. Beausoleil talked about the recent questions that were asked by the Town Council and that those and the associated answers are attached for the Board's information.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of December 13, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 13, 2018

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: F. Infante

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information: FY20 Budget Presentation

Dr. Petrone thanked all of the administrators for working together in preparing the budget. He shared the presentation of the proposed budget with the Board, which will be available on the district's website.

When discussing budgeting for staff salaries, J. Beausoleil noted that health insurance costs are not included because those are flat figures due to our current insurance program through the EASTCONN co-op.

The Board discussed the proposed addition of a Social Worker and the need for that.

Dr. Petrone noted the overall increase of the proposal is 1.30%.

Dr. Petrone reviewed the district's accolades, including the Jay Mathews Challenge Index, where CHS was ranked 10th in the State of Connecticut.

J. Beausoleil asked Board members to email budget questions to the Superintendent's Office; the answers will be sent to the entire Board.

J. Beausoleil said the 1.30% increase is low. She said she is very impressed with this proposal. She opened the floor to questions. There were none at this time. J. Beausoleil said the Board would meet again to discuss the budget at a special meeting on January 24.

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Report of Joint Fiscal Committee/Policy Committee Meeting of January 10, 2019

J. Beausoleil noted the joint meeting that was held earlier in the evening. She reviewed the main topic that was discussed - the Non-Resident Student Policy and related documents. She said these documents will be sent to the Town Council, so that they are able to review the information in full and provide feedback

MOTION: To add a vote regarding sending the MOA and supporting materials to the Town Council and possibly warning the policy for the full Board's review

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

J. Beausoleil briefly reviewed the history of the non-resident student tuition policy and administrative regulation. She said the new drafts add detail to the policy and administrative regulation and notes how any revenue would be handled. The Board discussed how those funds would be tracked specifically. F. Infante stressed how important it is that the dollar amounts coming in be very clear and understandable. J. Beausoleil explained that the fund set up is specific to those amounts and it would be very clear. E. Marchand said the separate fund tracking these amounts will make it very understandable.

MOTION: To send the MOA and related Non-Resident Tuition documents to the Town Council for their review

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

J. Beausoleil said she would like to wait to officially warn the actual policy at the Board level until the Council had a chance to review it and provide feedback.

Mr. Carroll reviewed the information from the Fiscal meeting.

Mr. Carroll reviewed the requests that have been put forward for the Use of Facilities fund. M. Kortmann asked that this be added to the next Board agenda.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: F. Infante

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: January 31, 2019