

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of April 11, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Board Vice-Chairman
Peter Larson
Frank Infante
Kelly Sobol

Absent Board Members:

William Oros, Secretary
Mary Kortmann

Others 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: The Shearer Family and Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 talked about the various happenings taking place around the district, region, and state.
Dr. Petrone shared a video of a presentation at a recent Administrative Council meeting.

IV.A. Student Recognition: Chloe Shearer, GHR Grade 4 - First Place Winner in the 2019 Roadway Safety Poster Contest (Grades 2-4 Category)

Dr. Petrone congratulated Chloe who was recognized on Monday evening by winning first place in the 2019 Roadway Safety Poster Contest in her category. The Board gave a round of applause.
E. Marchand noted how impressed he is with what Coventry students accomplish.

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

Ryan Hayes said the fourth quarter has just begun and he talked about different events taking place at the high school.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Resignation of Kevin Icart, Technology Technician

V.B. Accept the Resignation of Lucas Veo, CNH Para-educator

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2019

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 28, 2019

By: K. Sobol

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

IX.A. VOTE: Approve Revision to Policy 3541 Transportation

MOTION: To approve the revision to Policy 3541 Transportation

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: P. Larson

Discussion: E. Marchand said this has been reviewed with the Board and Administration and is good to be approved. Dr. Petrone agreed.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.B. Discussion and Possible VOTE: FY20 Budget

J. Beausoleil noted the Town Council reduced the Board's operating budget by \$75,000. She said there were suggestions made by the Council as to where to take it. She noted it is the Board's decision. She said the suggestion from the Town Council includes adjusting the insurance line, certified salaries, and maintenance. J. Beausoleil suggested reducing the insurance by the \$40,000 and the remaining amount out of the certified salary line, due to the resignations since the budget has been submitted. Dr. Petrone said he supported this idea.

MOTION: To account for the Town Council's reduction of \$75,000 to the Board's budget, the Board will reduce the Insurance line by \$40,000 and the Certified Salaries line by \$35,000

By: G. Marchand

Seconded: P. Larson

Discussion: Mr. Carroll noted the actual amounts are as follows: \$40,116 from Insurance and \$34,884 out of Certified Salaries.

K. Sobol asked for a friendly amendment to adjust the amounts as noted by Mr. Carroll. E. Marchand accepted.

Result: Motion with friendly amendment passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Walls Committee Report

E. Marchand said there was a committee meeting on Monday evening this week. He distributed copies of the report that was presented at the meeting. He reviewed the diagrams that were included and noted that there is one wall in the auditorium that needs reinforcement. He continued to explain those details. He said the range of expense is \$20,000 - \$30,000. He said there is more investigation that needs to be done on some of the other walls. He added that the good news is that an item has been identified that needs to be fixed and it is reasonable. He said there has been a great level of detail discussed at the meetings.

F. Infante asked for some background information. E. Marchand reviewed the history. F. Infante expressed his frustration with the process and that the money has to be spent on something that shows no concern. Dr. Petrone explained the legal implications and how this is beyond the district's control.

XI. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Superintendent's Evaluation and Employment Agreement)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Employment Agreement at 8:25 p.m.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: F. Infante

Result: Motion asses unanimously

XII. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

By: F. Infante

Seconded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: April 25, 2019