

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, April 25, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman
William Oros, Secretary
Peter Larson
Frank Infante
Mary Kortmann
Kelly Sobol

Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Beausoleil

Also present: Ryan Hayes, Student BOE Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Todd Penney, Town Engineer; several Coventry Academy students; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Anna Glowacki, CNH Teacher; and Elisa Haveles, GHR Music Teacher.

I. Call to Order

E. Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

E. Marchand led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

Bryton Castleberry, student, was present to ask the Board to consider changing the Academy name in honor of Mr. Bednarz.

Elijah Bertrand, student, talked about the positive experience he has had as a result of the grant the vocational program received. He also spoke in support of Mr. Bednarz.

IV. New Business

IV.A. Information and VOTE: CGS Parking Lot Reorganization

Dr. Petrone noted the long-time need for a new parking lot at the Coventry Grammar School. He introduced Mr. Penney who shared the most recent design for the reconfiguration.

V. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone talked about various items taking place around the district. He noted the last day of school is June 13 and graduation is June 15.

V.A. Staff Recognition: Elisa Haveles, GHR Music Teacher - Presented at the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) In-Service Conference

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Haveles who shared a few words about her presentation. There was appreciations by the Board of the Education.

V.B. Information: Innovative Grant Update - Mindfulness Matters with Anna Glowacki

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Glowacki who shared an update in regard to her program.

V.C. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report

Ryan Hayes talked about different happenings taking place at the high school.

VI. VOTE: Consent Agenda

VI.A. Approve the June CGS Field Experience to Mendon, MA

VI.B. Accept the Resignation of Audra Leach, CNH Science Teacher

VI.C. Accept the Resignation of Hazel Dickerson, Custodian

VI.D. Accept the Resignation of Deirdre McAvoy, GHR Secretary

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII. Report of Chairman

E. Marchand added congratulations to Mr. Blake who was recently recognized as Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools.

IX. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

IX.A. Approve Minutes of April 11, 2019

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 11, 2019

By: P. Larson

Seconded: K. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Old Business

X.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Contract for Transportation Services with M&J Bus Inc.

Mr. Carroll said the discussions have been ongoing and the current proposal is attached for the Board's review.

Dr. Petrone commented that the Transportation Committee did the legwork for this contract. E. Marchand said he supported keeping with M&J as a known entity. F. Infante said the Transportation Committee did not believe they would get a better deal and M&J has a history with the district. Dr. Petrone commented on the positive relationship with M&J.

MOTION: Authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the final details of the Contract for Transportation Services with M&J Bus Inc. 2019-2024

By: W. Oros Secoded: F. Infante

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Report of Board Members

MOTION: To allocate approximately \$8,000 in funds to complete the survey, site design, and construction documents related to this project of the CGS parking lot reorganization providing the CIP plan for the road improvement passes

By: M. Kortmann Secoded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report - Meeting of April 25, 2019

M. Kortmann said the Management Report shows the accounts are doing well. There is a projected amount of approximately \$142,000 as unexpended funds for the end of the year. She reviewed the details of the Fiscal meeting.

XI.A.1. Information and VOTE: Budget Transfers

MOTION: To approve the budget transfers of \$65,000 from account 100 Salaries and \$90,000 from account 200 Benefits both to Account 600 Supplies in various categories

By: W. Oros Secoded: P. Larson

Discussion: F. Infante asked for a summary of the supplies. M. Kortmann referred him to the minutes of the Fiscal meeting of March 14, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: To approve the budget transfer of \$30,000 from account 100 Salaries to account 400 Contracted Services

By: W, Oros Secoded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees, Superintendent Evaluation)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees and the Superintendent's Evaluation with the Superintendent Present at 8:53 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann Secoded: K. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIII. Open Session

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

XIII.A. Possible VOTE on the Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees

MOTION: To approve the terms of conditions of employment for the following non-union positions: Director of Finance and Operations; Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Director of Teaching and Learning; Superintendent of Schools;

Director of Education Technology; Food Service Director; Physical Plant and Facilities Director; Preschool and Early Childhood Education Coordinator; Athletic Director; Network Administrator/Systems Specialist; Senior Technician/Systems Support; Technology/Device Technician; Data Management Specialist; Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant; Physical Therapist; Board Certified Behavior Analyst

By: K. Sobol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

By: F. Infante

Seconded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: **May 9, 2019**