

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of May 09, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators in Attendance:

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

Audience members present: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; first year teachers Carly Burriesci, Christina Chow, Rebecca Knauf, and Kathryn O'Connor; CHS teacher Phil Gatcomb; Technology Coach, Jeff Spivey; Heather McPeck, CGS teacher; Stacey Fortin, CEP teacher; Ajit Gopalakrishnan, SDE Chief Performance Officer; CHS students; families; citizens; and gentlemen from EcoSolar Installations, LLC to review the Microgrid.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 was pleased to publicly announce that Mr. Blake has received Principal of the Year recognition from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Dr. Petrone continued and talked about various items taking place around the district and state.

IV.A. Information: State Department of Education (SDE) Next Generation Accountability System Results with Ajit Gopalakrishnan, SDE Chief Performance Officer

Dr. Petrone introduced Ajit Gopalakrishnan, SDE Chief Performance Officer. Mr. Gopalakrishnan reviewed various aspects of the state's accountability system.

M. Kortmann asked about the graduation rate and the 18-21 year old program. She said those students count as a part of Coventry's graduation rate, which is difficult to accept because they do

V. Microgrid

Mr. John O'Brien, Michael Sahm, Patrick Early, and Chuck Brody were present to speak about the Coventry Microgrid and shared a review of the Microgrid proposal.

The Board asked questions regarding costs now vs costs with the Microgrid. Mr. Sahm said that the program will save the town and district money.

F. Infante wanted to know if there was a projected savings. Mr. Brody said those figures are being determined. Mr. O'Brien said the design needs to be fine-tuned before figures can be discussed. Mr. O'Brien said the biggest savings will be seen at the complex, as the highest user.

Ms. Kortmann asked about the current generator and if it is needed as part of the project. The response was no, the district can do as they wish with it.

Mr. Brody continued and reviewed the timeline.

J. Beausoleil asked by when the Board would have to decide. Mr. O'Brien said they are targeting the June 13 BOE meeting.

J. Beausoleil said the full Board would need to hear the presentation as the full body needs to vote.

The Board continued to talk about the timeline. The group said coming back in June and presenting to the full Board would be a good idea.

J. Beausoleil reviewed expectations for the June 13 Joint Town Finance/BOE Fiscal.

VI. VOTE: Consent Agenda

VI.A. Approve the June 2019 GHR Field Experience to Sturbridge, MA

VI.B. Accept the resignation of Lincoln Breault, Custodian

VI.C. Accept the resignation of Christopher Jones, CHS Teacher

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: W. Oros

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil noted congratulations to Mr. Blake for his award. She thanked the community for the vote of affirmation for the budget proposal.

IX. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

IX.A. Approve Minutes of April 25, 2019

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 25, 2019

By: K. Sobol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Old Business

X.B. Information: Facilities Projects Update

X.B.1. Security Grant Award

Dr. Petrone reviewed the facilities projects that are being worked on presently.

He mentioned the security grant and funds that Coventry will receive for CGS and GHR.

