

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 30, 2019  
Administration Building Conference Room

Present Board Members:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairman  
Frank Infante  
Mary Kortmann  
Peter Larson

Absent Board Members:

William Oros, Secretary  
Kelly Sobol

Also Present: Ryan Hayes, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrator Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

Audience Members Present: Parents, Students, Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, PSSS Director; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Beth Pratt, Director of Food Services; Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS Teacher; Jim Dzwonchyk, GHR Teacher; Torrie Phillips, Library Media Specialist; Heidi Bosco, CGS Teacher; and Julie Cryer, CHS Teacher.

**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 talked about various events and meetings that have taken place around the district, region, and state.

**IV.A. Recognition: CABE Student Leadership Awards - CHS Students Sarah Sullivan and Ryan Hayes**

Dr. Petrone introduced CHS students Sarah Sullivan and Ryan Hayes as the CABE Leadership Award 2019 recipients for the high school. Mr. Blake spoke highly of each student and their leadership roles.

**IV.B. Recognition: CNH Student, Luke Kinney, eesmarks Annual Student Contest Winner**

Dr. Petrone introduced Luke Kinney and Ms. DeJulius who spoke about Luke and his award.

**IV.C. Recognition: CHS Students, Elena Blanchard and Alexa Stinson - Brain Dance 2nd Place Winners**

Dr. Petrone introduced Elena Blanchard and Alexa Stinson and Ms. Kirkpatrick, who said a few words about the Brain Dance Awards. Each student spoke about the submissions they made.

J. Beausoleil noted how impressive it is for students to take on such difficult topics.

**IV.D. Recognition: CHS Students Juliana D'Orazio and Isabella Arigno - Advanced Placement Presentations**

Ms. Kirkpatrick talked about this AP English project and the details surrounding these presentations. Juliana and Isabella both shared their presentations with the Board.

J. Beausoleil, again, said how impressive it is that students chose these topics and presented them so well.

G. Marchand said each year he is amazed at the presentations and he always comes away with so much.

**IV.E. Recognition: UConn iPad Conference Presenters - Torrie Phillips, Library Media Specialist and Jim Dzwonchyk, GHR Teacher**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Phillips and Mr. Dzwonchyk who shared information about their presentation.

J. Beausoleil noted her appreciation of this integration of technology into the classroom.

**IV.F. Recognition: Innovators Mindset Throwdown with Heidi Bosco, CGS Teacher**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Bosco, who shared her presentation with the Board.

The Board noted how impressed they are with the work our teachers are doing.

**IV.G. Information: Innovative Grant Update, Increasing Target Language Proficiency with Headset Microphones with Julie Cryer, CHS World Language Teacher**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Cryer who shared an update on her Innovative Grant.

F. Infante noted his appreciation for this project, which assists students in speaking. J. Beausoleil said this is a great way to guide students and give them their confidence.

**MOTION: To move New Business item X.A. Information and VOTE: Submission of the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2019-20 to right after the Food Service presentation.**

**By: M. Kortmann Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **IV.H. Information and Recognition: Student Board of Education Representative Report**

Dr. Petrone thanked Ryan for his presence and participation. Ryan thanked the Board for the opportunity and experience.

Ryan went on to talk about senior events and other happenings taking place at the high school.

J. Beausoleil said it is always good to hear the student perspective. She said that Ryan did a good job in this role.

E. Marchand talked about the experience of interviewing Ryan, what a great job he did in the role, and wished him luck.

#### **IV.I. Information: 2018-2019 Department Updates**

##### **IV.I.1. Facilities Department**

Mr. Trudelle shared a spring update on the Facilities Department.

Mr. Trudelle focused on the track project, the CNH cafeteria conversion to natural gas, school security, the Microgrid, LED conversion, energy project at the complex, and tracking of work orders.

##### **IV.I.2. Food Services**

Ms. Pratt shared the spring update for Food Services.

M. Kortmann talked about the financial part of the department and if the lunch purchases are higher in the middle of the year. Ms. Pratt said the changes that have been made have been working.

E. Marchand asked about students who have problems paying for lunch. Ms. Pratt said this only happens occasionally and there are avenues to make sure the students are fed.

##### **IV.I.3. Information and VOTE: Submission of the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2019-20**

**MOTION: That the Board of Education accepts the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2019-20 and will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event**



She commented on the new mentor program happening for students in area group homes. She presented Mr. Larson with a gift of appreciation for his work on the Board.

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

#### **VIII.A. Approve Minutes of May 9, 2019**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 9, 2019**

**By: E. Marchand    Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

### **IX. Old Business**

#### **IX.A. Facilities Projects Update**

Mr. Trudelle talked about the list of projects currently underway, focusing first on the Microgrid.

F. Infante asked about savings vs power provided. Mr. Trudelle said his goal is to be sure the district's physical needs are met. Dr. Petrone said we are waiting for them to do more work to tell us if we will save money.

J. Beausoleil asked about the timeline. Dr. Petrone said, based on the information he has seen, he does not believe they will be ready for the Board to vote in June.

Mr. Trudelle went on to discuss the oil tank removal. He noted that the bids came in much higher than the original estimate. He said they worked with the two lowest bidders to adjust the project needs, and the bids came in lower. He said everything needs to be reviewed with the hope that the work can be done by September.

Mr. Trudelle shared updates on other various projects.

### **X. New Business**

#### **X.A. VOTE: Accept the Resignation of Board Member Peter Larson**

**MOTION: Accept the resignation of Board Member Peter Larson effective May 31, 2019, begrudgingly.**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

Discussion: E. Marchand said he was very sorry to see P. Larson leave, but was also excited for his new adventure. He added that he has brought a unique perspective to the Board and said he would be missed.

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **X.B. Discussion/Review: Procedures for Filling the BOE Vacancy**

J. Beausoleil briefly reviewed the next steps in filling the vacancy. She said residents who are registered voters and are interested in filling the vacancy should submit a letter of interest and a resume, or statement of experience, by June 12, 2019 to the Superintendent's Office. She said all candidates will need to attend the June 13 Board meeting, where they

will have an opportunity to speak. She said the Board is scheduled to vote on a new member that evening.

There was consensus on the process.

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

### **XI.A. Information: Scholarship Committee Report Meeting of May 22, 2019**

E. Marchand said there were four candidates to come forward. He said all four were outstanding.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme

Approved: June 13, 2019