

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 27, 2018
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

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: Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; and several CHS students.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 events taking place around the district. The Board talked about the GHR Open House and what a great event it was. Dr. Petrone continued to talk about various out of district partnerships that are being developed.

IV.A. CABE Board of Distinction Award

Dr. Petrone reviewed Coventry's history of this award and gave kudos to the Board for the work they do. J. Beausoleil thanked the Superintendent for the faith he has in the Board and his partnership. W. Oros spoke to the students in the audience noting that what the Board members do, they do for the students.

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

Mr. Hayes said everything at the high school is off to a great start. He noted athletics and other events happening at the school.

IV.C. Administrator 2018-2019 Goal Presentations

IV.C.1. Coventry Grammar School

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Carrie, who shared the CGS goals for the 2018-19 school year. Those goals are available on the district's website.

E. Marchand asked about the Smart Goals and a projected 60% improvement. Ms. Carrie talked about the data comparison which helps the teachers see the positive impact already.

M. Kortmann asked how the students, who are already at goal, are being addressed. Ms. Carrie talked about how those students are identified and addressed, for instance the kindergartners who come in and can already read are in reading groups. She went on to discuss the other grades.

IV.C.2. Capt. Nathan Hale School

Ms. DeJulius shared the CNH goals for the 2018-19 school year. Those goals are available on the district's website.

E. Marchand asked about Student Led Conferences. Ms. DeJulius talked about all three grades being included this year and how they will get parents to attend. She said it is her hope to keep the same 97% attendance rate.

IV.C.3. Coventry High School

Mr. Blake shared the CHS goals for 2018-19 with the Board. Those goals are available on the district's website.

J. Beausoleil clarified the "report out rate" for parent participation for Student Led Conferences. Mr. Blake confirmed the parent participation was 45% last year.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Jeanne DuBois, Teacher at CGS

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil talked about the history of the Board's finance reporting. She noted that the Board is very open to sharing information with the community and stakeholders. She reviewed the procedure of how information from the Board of Education to the Town Council flows. She continued to talk about the history of the joint meetings between the Town Finance Committee and the Board Fiscal Committee, noting it is a great collaborative relationship. She added that, as a Board we work together and as a Board and Council we work together.

The Board appreciated the information.

She noted her appreciation for the goal presentations and the open houses. W. Oros also thanked the principals for their presentations.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of September 13, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 13, 2018
By: W. Oros **Seconded: E. Marchand**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Report of Board Members

IX.A. Information: Policy Committee Report Meeting of September 27, 2018

E. Marchand noted the number of policies reviewed during that meeting and said all but one would be warned for discussion at the Board level soon.

IX.B. Information: Transportation Committee Report Meeting of September 27, 2018

E. Marchand reviewed the meeting of the Transportation Committee and noted another meeting would be scheduled to review certain bus stop areas.

X. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Security Review)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to the security report with the Superintendent present at 8:47 p.m.
By: M. Kortmann **Seconded: P. Larson**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Open Session

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:50 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: P. Larson**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 11, 2018