

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of October 11, 2018
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

William Oros, Secretary

Also 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: Beth Pratt, Food Service Director; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; and two CHS students.

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 reviewed items taking place around the district and state. Specifically, he talked about the Portrait of the Graduate work that is being done this year. E. Marchand commented positively on the Advisory Committee work and the meeting that was held today.

Dr. Petrone also mentioned the tour the Board members took last week to view the recent facilities projects that have been completed. E. Marchand commented on that meeting and said it was a great idea and he appreciated the Town Council members who could also attend.

IV.A. Recognition: Joseph Blake, Participation in CSDE Performance Matters Conference

Dr. Petrone honored Mr. Blake for his participation as a member on a panel at a recent state conference. Mr. Blake spoke briefly about this experience.

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

Mr. Ryan reviewed different activities taking place at the high school.

IV.C. Information: 2018 Assessment Results Summary

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. DeJulius who began the presentation on Assessment Results.

Ms. DeRagon took over the presentation to share the GHR results.

M. Kortmann asked about grade three reading score. Ms. DeRagon talked about the improvement plans that are in place. J. Beausoleil talked about the connection of these results to assessments at the K-2 school. Dr. Petrone talked about the intervention program that is now in place and the other areas of focus to address this concern.

Ms. DeJulius continued with the CNH portion of the presentation.

The Board discussed the SBAC ELA Longitudinal data. J. Beausoleil said the results are good. She noted her concern about the quantity of resources that Coventry has and that those resources can be spread thin when addressing assessment results.

The Board discussed the SBAC Math Longitudinal data.

The Board reviewed the data that compared the surrounding towns and also the traditionally higher performing districts, noting Coventry out performed many.

Mr. Blake took over the presentation to share the high school results.

Ms. DeJulius finished the presentation.

MOTION: To move Item A under New Business to next on the agenda

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.A. VOTE: Approve the CT State Department of Education Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

MOTION: Approve the Updated CT State Department of Education Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV.E. Information: Administrator 2018-19 Goal Presentations

IV.E.1. G. H. Robertson School – Jennifer DeRagon

Ms. DeRagon shared the G. H. Robertson School Goals for the 2018-19 school year. Those goals are available on the district website.

E. Marchand asked how GHR will empower students. Ms. DeRagon talked about how the word "empowerment" aligns to student goal setting and student led conferences. She added that the Portrait of the Graduate work will also address this.

IV.E.2. Pupil and Staff Support Services – Beth Giller

Dr. Giller shared the Pupil and Staff Support Services goals for the 2018-19 school year. Those goals are available on the district's website.

E. Marchand asked about the parent goal. Dr. Giller noted 12 parents attended the first group meeting of special education parents, which represented approximately 15 students. The Board talked about the benefits of this goal.

J. Beausoleil is excited about the transition goal, including the visibility aspect of it as well.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

M. Kortmann asked to move the Anne Burke acceptance from the consent agenda.

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Anne Burke, GHR Teacher

MOTION: To Accept the retirement of Anne Burke

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: P. Larson

Discussion: M. Kortmann talked about the years Anne has put into Coventry and that she was a good teacher, and she will be missed.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V.B. Accept the Resignation of Danielle Chaves, GHR Para-educator

MOTION: To approve the remaining item on the consent

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil talked about the recent Open Houses, noting how wonderful they were.

She noted the next quarterly joint Town Fiscal/BOE Finance meeting will be at the Board's Fiscal Committee meeting on November 8.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of September 27, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 27, 2018

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.B. Information and Discussion of Policies up for Revision (To be warned for a VOTE at a future regular Board meeting)

IX.B.1. 1231 Non-Discrimination - Community

IX.B.2. 4110 Employment Checks

IX.B.3. 4111 Plan for Minority Staff Recruitment

IX.B.4. 4116.34 Abuse or Neglect of Disabled Adults

IX.B.5. 4116.35 Child Abuse Neglect and Sexual Assault Reporting

IX.B.6. 5125 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records

IX.B.7. 5131.6 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

IX.B.8. 5141.4 Management Plan and Guidelines For Students with Food Allergies and-or Glycogen Storage Disease

IX.B.9. 5141.21 Administration of Medications in Schools

IX.B.10. 5143 Restraint and Seclusion

E. Marchand noted these were discussed extensively at the previous meeting. He reviewed each policy up for discussion. It was noted the policies would be scheduled for vote at the next regular Board meeting.

