

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of December 13, 2018
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Kelly Sobol

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Dr. Beth Giller, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dena DeJulius, Capt. Nathan Hale School Principal; Ronda Carrie, Coventry Grammar School Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, G. H. Robertson Principal; Joseph Blake, Coventry High School Principal; Phil Gatcomb, CHS Tech Ed Teacher; Portrait of the Graduate Presenters (Shannon Entwistle, CHS Teacher; Adam Apicella, CHS Teacher; Bill Cherniske, CNH Teacher; Erin Beason, CGS Teacher; Samantha West, HEEC Teacher; Gil Addo, Parent; Brianna White, CHS Student; Emma Eaton, Parent); and two CHS students.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by J. Beausoleil at 7:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There was none.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed meetings and events that have taken place around the district and state.

IV.A. Staff Recognition: Marybeth Murdoch, CNH Library Media Specialist - Presentation at the CECA/CASL Conference

Dr. Petrone introduced Marybeth Murdoch.

Ms. Murdoch talked about her presentation at CASL/CECA and the various programs she is administering at the schools.

IV.B. Staff Recognition: Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal and Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS English Teacher - Presentation at the CRA Conference

Dr. Petrone noted that Ms. Kirkpatrick couldn't be present this evening and introduced Jennifer DeRagon.

Ms. DeRagon discussed her presentation at the CRA conference. She spoke of Student Led Conferences and how those who were at the conference were impressed.

IV.C. Staff Recognition: Elizabeth Carroll, CNH Math Teacher and Jennifer Trueman, K-12 Math Specialist - Presentation at the NCTM Regional Conference and the ATMNE Conference

Dr. Petrone Introduced Jennifer Trueman and Elizabeth Carroll.

Ms. Trueman and Ms. Carroll talked about their experience at the NCTM and ATMNE Conferences.

M. Kortmann asked where the district was in comparison with others in this area. Ms. Trueman stated she feels Coventry is a front runner.

IV.D. Staff Recognition: Stephanie Wissler, GHR Math Interventionist; Erin Beason, CGS Math Interventionist; and Jennifer Trueman K-12 Math Specialist - Presentation at ATMNE Conference

Dr. Petrone introduced Stephanie Wissler and Erin Beason who presented "Successfully Moving Students Through the Tiers" at the ATMNE conference. They shared information about their presentation.

IV.F. Information: Portrait of the Graduate

Mr. Marchand opened the presentation. He proceeded to introduce the presenters and reviewed the Portrait of the Graduate District Goal.

Several members of the Advisory Committee were present and took turns sharing the presentation with the Board.

Dr. Petrone looked for a consensus from the Board on the five competencies that have been developed for the Portrait of the Graduate statement. There was consensus from the Board.

Dr. Petrone spoke to how proud he was of the 24 person committee and the work they've done.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Resignation of Denise McDermott, CGS Para-educator

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil thanked staff for all of their hard work throughout the year.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of November 8, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 8, 2018

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

IX.A. VOTE: Approve the following policies as revised

IX.A.1. 4116.35 Child Abuse Neglect and Sexual Assault Reporting

MOTION: Approve 4116.35 Child Abuse Neglect and Sexual Assault Reporting

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: Board members discussed the changes made to this policy.

Result: Motion passed unanimously

IX.A.2. 5144 Student Discipline

MOTION: Approve changes to policy 5144 Student Discipline

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: Board members discussed the changes made to this policy

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.B. Information: Facilities Report

Dr. Petrone reported the work has been finished on the portable roof at GHR; all the leaks are fixed. He also reviewed the work that was done on the connection to the emergency generator at the middle school and noted that the boilers replacements are complete.

X. New Business

X.A. Information: Budget FY2020 Planning Dates

J. Beausoleil reviewed the budget planning dates for 2019.

X.B. Information and VOTE: Approval of Additional 2019-20 Course at CHS: Computer Sciences Principles

Mr. Blake and Mr. Gatcomb presented the proposed new course "Computer Science Principles."

E. Marchand asked if the class will be available to all grades. Mr. Blake said it will be open based on spots available after 9th graders sign up, as it will be a requirement for them.

M. Kortmann asked if the lower grade levels will provide these skills to students by the time they reach 9th grade. Ms. Mullaly said the lower grades' programs will prepare the 9th graders to be ready for this course.

MOTION: Approve Computer Sciences Principles as a new course at CHS for the 2019-20 school year

By: W. Oros

Seconded: P. Larson

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Report of Board Members

XI.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of December 13, 2018

E. Marchand reviewed the details of the meeting. He stated there was good dialogue with the bus company and he looks forward to continued communication.

XI.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of December 13, 2018

M. Kortmann said the monthly reports look good, certified salaries are down, with one opening remaining. She noted there may be anticipated savings in heating costs.

XI.B.1. Discussion and VOTE: Approve the Capital Improvement Plan

J. Beausoleil said she likes the color coding system and format. She said the narrative helps as it answers questions when given along with the spreadsheet and that the town likes it.

Motion: To approve the CIP as submitted

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Follert
Central Office Secretary

Approved: January 10, 2019